

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/22/77

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-NEW) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS

LHM declassified by 4417
on 4/28/76

offices & agencies advised
by R/S 4/28/76 EFG/ah
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There are enclosed to the Bureau and to interested offices a letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned organization. Five copies of the LHM are designated for the Bureau and three copies are designated for pertinent field offices.

The confidential informant who furnished the information contained in the LHM is PX 783-E, who furnished the information on 10/18/71 to the Phoenix office.

Inasmuch as the organizing group that met at Yuma, Arizona, was small and only one person from Arizona attended the meeting in question, the possibility of uncovering Phoenix' confidential informant would be an easy task. It is, therefore, recommended that the LHM not be disseminated outside the Bureau. No dissemination is being made at Phoenix. It is felt that this could be done at a later date when the organization has been developed in more concrete form.

Phoenix' informant advised that the individuals spearheading the organization of the Secret Army Organization seemed to be [redacted] aka [redacted] together with (FNU) [redacted] both of San Diego. The mail drop for the organization will be care of [redacted]

Informant advised that (FNU) [redacted] seemed to lack enthusiasm for the new organization, and seemed to be more politically oriented along the lines of the American Nazi Party. Informant himself took a cautious stand toward the deliberations of the group. Names mentioned in the course of the meeting as being knowledgeable about the new organization are: [redacted] Las Vegas, Nevada; and (FNU) [redacted] Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Source made reference to the opening paragraph in the "HISTORY OF THE SECRET ORGANIZATION" material attached to this LHM wherein a group of six Minutemen allegedly met in Northern Arizona in February 1970. Based on the general tenor of the conversations at Yuma incidental to the organizational meeting there informant feels that the meeting he attended at Yuma is the first official organizational meeting of the group. The assassination of Minutemen leader has reference to [redacted] of the Minutemen in California, who has been missing approximately three years.

Source advised that the organizing group mentioned in the attached LHM met in Yuma for the purpose of having access to the gun show that took place at the Fairgrounds there on October 16 and 17, 1971, under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club. This organizing group is interested in establishing the availability of automatic weapons.

LEADS:

The SAN DIEGO, SEATTLE and LAS VEGAS DIVISIONS will through confidential sources establish the full identity of the individuals who met in secret at Yuma, Arizona, on October 16, 17, 1971, in connection with this matter.

The LHM is being classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ to protect the identity of source, who is of continuing value and whose exposure could be detrimental to the national defense.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona
October 22, 1971

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

On October 16 and 17, 1971, a coterie of five men met clandestinely in a motel in Yuma, Arizona, and oriented themselves with the plans and process of reorganizing the Minutemen under the same basic tenets but under the new name "Secret Army Organization". PX T-1 advises that the five known individuals who attended this meeting used first names only and traveled to this meeting place from San Diego, California; Seattle, Washington; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Phoenix, Arizona. The five are identified briefly as follows:

Name

Address

Race

Sex

Nationality

Height

Weight

Age

Name

Address

Race

Sex

Nationality

Height

Weight

Hair

Miscellaneous

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[redacted] also known
as [redacted]

From [redacted]

White

Male

American

5'8"

150 pounds

Age 33 (Approx.)

(FNU) [redacted]

From [redacted]

White

Male

American

5'10"

175 pounds

Brown

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

(FNU) [redacted]
From [redacted] CALIF
White
Male
American
6'1"
225 pounds
Short brown hair
Hazel
Stocky
Wears small goatee

(FNU) [redacted]
From [redacted]
White
Male
American
6'1"
235 pounds
Short, light brown
Blue
Pudgy

(FNU) [redacted]
[redacted]
White
Male
American
5'10"
190 pounds Br. approx [redacted]
Brown
Wears glasses
[redacted]

Source furnished the following four items of printed material, which had been prepared before the meeting for recruitment purposes and for dissemination to prospective

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

members for captioned organization; this material is self-explanatory as to a statement of principles for the organization and is being made an appendage of this memorandum.

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History of the Secret Army Organization

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One early morning in February, 1970, a group of six Minutemen leaders from four states met secretly in Northern Arizona to discuss the crisis that the arrest and imprisonment of two top Minutemen leaders and the assassination of a third had brought on the organization. Although some of these men had met before in their roles as Minutemen group leaders, others were meeting for the first time.

After much discussion, two principal points were agreed upon. First, that the Minutemen as a national coordination organization of militant right-wing groups had effectively been destroyed by the pro-communist elements inside the Justice Department. While individual units still existed throughout the country, few had the financial support or leadership to be really effective. Second, that the need for such a coordinating organization was greater than ever in view of the increased revolutionary activity by communists in the United States.

With these two points in mind, suggestions were put forward on a course of action to be followed. After a meeting that lasted all that day and far into the next morning, an overall plan of action was finally agreed upon. All present agreed to merge their individual units together and form a new organization under the command of one leader elected from among themselves, with the other five to be members of a General Staff that would advise and assist the new leader.

While retaining the basic programs and policies of the Minutemen, it was decided that not only should this new organization have a different name, but also a completely new chain of command and organizational structure. If the new organization was going to survive the attacks that befell the old one, a whole new approach would be needed. Never again could the arrest or death of a few leaders be allowed to cripple the entire organization.

For this reason it was decided that only a highly disciplined military type organization with a definite chain of command would have any chance of success. This then, was the beginning of the Secret Army Organization. Beginning with an original force of hard core patriots that numbered fewer than two hundred, the Secret Army Organization began the job of picking up the pieces and continuing to fight for national and individual freedom. Using this cadre of dedicated personnel as a nucleus, the S. A. O. has been recruiting and training new members in the skills they will need as the freedom fighters of tomorrow.

The leaders of the S. A. O. have no idea of fighting a last ditch stand. We have no desire to commit suicide ourselves or to let our members do so. We have a strategy which we believe will ultimately lead to victory. Only one thing is essential. We must start preparing and training NOW! We of the S. A. O. believe that our country is worthy of any sacrifice. If you feel the same way, we invite you to join us.

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To Prospective Members Of The SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

The Secret Army Organization is the most active, most completely dedicated and most selective in its membership of all the many patriotic organizations in America. We are willing to make any sacrifice for our country and we fully expect that some of us will have to make the ultimate sacrifice before victory is achieved. Our very lives depend on each other. There is no place in this organization for bunglers, playboys or lukewarm conservatives. If you join the Secret Army Organization, there might easily come a time that your life would depend on how competently some other member had learned his job.

Unless you are especially well informed on the domestic and world political situation, it is probable that you have a lot to learn about the present threat our nation faces. Unless you have had many years experience in actual underground warfare, there is undoubtedly a lot you can learn from the experts in our organization who have developed and supervised our training program.

OUR NATION IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER

It is possible that within a very few years, perhaps even within months, our nation could be conquered and enslaved by the communists. To prevent this we must know as much as possible about our enemies. Unless we know who they are and what they are doing we will not succeed in our efforts to maintain a free America.

THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

In driving an invader from your land the resistance involved goes through three stages of development.

- 1) The Underground Network
- 2) Active Guerrilla Warfare
- 3) Open or Conventional Warfare

The conventional warfare stage uses everything in the way of weapons that the enemy does but must also have active guerrillas and underground agents working against the enemy, too. In the present state of military tactics conventional warfare cannot succeed unless these other two ingredients are used simultaneously.

The first step is to form an underground network. An active guerrilla system must have the support of an underground network of approximately three times its own size. This underground must supply the active guerrilla fighter with supplies, concealment, information, etc. An underground network starts with departments of intelligence, security and propaganda in that order.

Sabotage, espionage, subversion, infiltration, escape and evasion, training, clandestine fabrication of supplies, counterfeiting enemy documents; recruiting, communications and propaganda are other phases of underground activity. Each member of the Secret Army Organization, to be effective, must have a working knowledge of all these tactics as well as the military tactics more commonly associated with guerrilla activities.

ASSIGNMENT TO UNITS

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Many people that inquire about membership in the Secret Army Organization seem to have an idea that they will be immediately accepted into an active unit. Look at it this way. Suppose you had spent a year or more carefully recruiting and training until you had a hard hitting team where every individual was reliable, dedicated, and had confidence in his fellow unit members. Wouldn't it make you mad to have the national or regional organization assign some rank amateur to your unit that you you knew little or nothing about?

Before any new member is assigned to an active unit or to an important underground project, he must undergo a period of training. During this training he will be directed through the mails by an experienced member and some of his activities may be observed by other members without his knowledge. Only when a new member proves himself to be conscientious, trustworthy, self-disciplined and able to operate effectively alone will he be accepted as a "secure member" and invited to participate with other unit members in a teamwork operation.

EXPENSES

Unfortunately, most good things don't come cheap. Although we make every effort to keep down the expense of membership in the Secret Army Organization, you must expect to pay your own way.

Dues to the Secret Army Organization are \$3.00 per month. This money is absolutely necessary for use to maintain our central files and headquarters, for postage and printing, to finance our extensive intelligence network, and to maintain training areas.

Each member will have other expenses depending on the type of activity he is engaged in. Every member will be expected to buy his own gun, ammunition and other basic combat equipment. During training the new member may be expected to buy certain books or subscribe to certain magazines that his work requires. During this time the new member will also be supplied with reading material on the strategy and tactics of guerrilla warfare. This home work will make it possible for him to fit in quickly to an active unit and participate effectively in actual maneuvers, marksmanship training, etc.

Following this preliminary training a member may be either assigned to an existing unit, assisted in organizing his own unit if he has shown sufficient leadership qualities or become part of an underground network.

Upon your acceptance into the Secret Army Organization you will be given a definite series of projects described in writing so you will know exactly what will be expected of you.

We hope that you can succeed in this effort because your country desperately needs patriots at this time.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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NOTICE TO APPLICANT: All information on this form will be kept confidential. All records of members of the Secret Army Organization are stored in a way that they can be swiftly destroyed to keep them from falling into unauthorized hands.

Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Address _____ Marital Status _____
(Street)

State _____ Wife's Name _____

Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

Date of Birth _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Occupation _____ Education _____

Special Subjects Studied _____

Do You Speak or Read Any Foreign Language? _____

Veteran _____ Branch _____ Highest Rank _____

What Service Training Have You Had That You Feel Would Be Beneficial To This Organization? _____

Physical Description: Height _____ Weight _____ Color Eyes _____

Color Hair _____ Health: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

Any Physical Disabilities or Limitations? _____

Any Public Speaking or Organizing Experience? _____ If Yes, Please Explain: _____

How Many Hours A Week Could You Devote To Working And Training With the S. A. O. ?

Hours _____ Best Time: AM _____ PM _____ Weekdays _____ Weekends _____

CERTIFICATION

I am a loyal American Citizen dedicated to the defense and survival of the United States as a Constitutional Republic, free from all socialist and communist policies. Enclosed is my \$5.00 membership fee. I agree to pay \$3.00 each month to the Secret Army Organization as membership dues.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona
October 22, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

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Reference Memorandum, dated and captioned
 as above, at Phoenix, Arizona.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 12/17/71

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1173) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS
OO: SD

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Re LV letter 12/6/71.

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Contact with [redacted] on 12/13/71 elicited the information that he was in touch with [redacted] aka [redacted] over the weekend by mail and obtained additional organizational material pertaining to captioned organization. This is being made the subject matter of a letterhead memorandum, which is being submitted by separate letter.

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Concerning [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] informant advised that he has not met [redacted] or [redacted] and that all he can report about them at this time is that the names [redacted] and [redacted] stand out vaguely in his memory as names mentioned at the meeting in Yuma on 10/16/71; these were people who knew about the formation of the Secret Army Organization. No indication of current activity on the part of these two individuals can be inferred from this recollection; on the other hand, informant states they must have potential as interested recruits, otherwise, their names would not have been mentioned in context. In this connection, informant indicated that he will undoubtedly learn more about [redacted] and [redacted] one way or the other as the organization develops.

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- 2 - Seattle (info.) (RM)
- 2 - San Diego (RM)
- 3 - Las Vegas (RM)
- (157-997)
- (157-529)
- (157-553)

2 - Sacramento (info.) (RM)

2 - Phoenix

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[] states that he has been given the assignment to begin recruiting himself and to furnish the names of some potential suppliers of tear-gas grenades and cartridges. For the most part, the recruiting has been in California for the SAO, but some recruiting is taking place presumably in the State of Washington, inasmuch as [] makes reference to "our friend in Washington", and that "our friend in Northland said that his people are real hot for the idea of starting a branch."

SAC, Phoenix

1 - Mr. L. G. Brockman
1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram
11/9/71

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS

RePXlet 10/22/71.

For information of Kansas City, five individuals met clandestinely in a motel in Yuma, Arizona, on October 16 and 17, 1971, and a discussion was held on reorganizing the Minutemen under the same basic tenets but under a new title, "Secret Army Organization." The five known individuals used first names only and traveled to this meeting from San Diego, Seattle, Las Vegas and Phoenix. The five were identified as [redacted] also known as [redacted] from San Diego. Two individuals from San Diego were also named [redacted] and [redacted] and one individual named [redacted] from Seattle and [redacted] from Phoenix. b6 b7C

The mail drop for the organization will be in care of [redacted] Names mentioned in course of meeting as being knowledgeable about the new organization were [redacted] Las Vegas, and FNU [redacted] Las Vegas. This information was obtained by [redacted] and group was interested in establishing the availability of automatic weapons. b2 b7D

Bureau indices contain no identifiable record regarding above organization. No identifiable data located regarding individuals mentioned above based on data furnished with exception of [redacted] San Diego and Kansas City refer to case entitled, "[redacted] SM - Minutemen," wherein it is reported subject has been involved in white-hate activities in past. b6 b7C

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Letter to Phoenix
Re: Secret Army Organization
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Recipients conduct discreet preliminary-type inquiry through established sources to determine aims and objectives of organization and identities of officers. Determine additional plans for meeting. Phoenix through [redacted] determine additional information regarding meeting and review records of motel in Yuma and attempt to further identify individuals present at meeting. Phoenix furnish Kansas City, office of origin in Minutemen matters, additional background regarding meeting and material distributed at meeting.

San Diego is designated office of origin since headquarters or mail drop for organization at present is at Ramona, California. San Diego, Seattle and Las Vegas open separate cases on individuals attending meeting to completely identify these persons and obtain background to determine weapons in their possession at present, and their propensity for violence. Bear in mind possible gun law violations since individuals have indicated interest in the availability of automatic weapons. Appropriate informants should be targeted by recipients to obtain advance intelligence data regarding possible violence of this new group.

Kansas City canvass white-hate informants familiar with Minutemen activity to determine if in possession of information of new secret organization.

Recipients submit results of investigation in a form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

[redacted] furnished information of the formation of a new white-hate organization and this meeting appears to be the first official organizational meeting of this group. Phoenix in referenced letter set forth leads to San Diego, Seattle and Las Vegas Divisions to establish the identity of individuals and to obtain background of formation of new organization at secret meeting held at Yuma, Arizona, in October.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-997)(P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS
OO: San Diego

DATE: 12/8/71

Re Phoenix letter to the Bureau, 10/22/71 and
Bureau letter to Phoenix, 11/9/71. (Not received by Oklahoma
City)

Enclosed for information of Oklahoma City is one
copy each of referenced letters with enclosure (Phoenix LHM
dated 10/22/71)

Referenced letters indicated that [redacted] and
(FNU) [redacted], Las Vegas, Nevada were knowledgeable concerning
captioned organization although they were not identified
as being participants in the clandestine meetings held in
Yuma, Arizona concerning this organization.

A review of Las Vegas files indicates that [redacted]
[redacted] is probably identical to [redacted] aka, a
former SI subject of the Las Vegas Office because of his
past Minutemen activities. In March, 1971, Oklahoma City
became origin in the [redacted] case after investigation showed
that he had permanently changed residence to Tulsa, Oklahoma.
(Bureau file 100-448471, Oklahoma City file 157-975).

Las Vegas files further indicate that (FNU) [redacted]
is possibly identical to [redacted]
[redacted] in 1965-66
was a self-admitted member of the Minutemen. Investigation
showed that subject dropped out of the organization in 1968
and has had no further association with it since that time.

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- 2 - Kansas City
- 2 - Oklahoma City (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Phoenix
- 2 - San Diego
- 3 - Las Vegas
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It is noted that [] has been described as a "dangerous man" and "unstable" who reportedly is armed at all times. An informant stated that [] would not only engage in violence but would probably provoke it.

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[] has been described by sources as a person likely to be provoked into irresponsible acts of violence and is not above using violence. In addition, the file reflects that [] has a working knowledge of explosives, particularly dynamite and has been an amateur miner. In January, 1966, he allegedly gave a demonstration in the use and handling of dynamite, safety fuse, primer cord and blasting caps at a local Minutemen training session held in the Nevada desert near Las Vegas.

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Sources and informants cognizant of Minutemen activity in the Las Vegas Division have been contacted and no positive information has been developed to date.

LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

At Tulsa, Oklahoma:

Will, through appropriate sources, determine if [] is active in captioned organization.

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PHOENIX DIVISION

At Phoenix, Arizona:

Will, through additional contacts with [] attempt to determine if [] or [] are currently associated with SAO, or if their names were mentioned because of their past Minutemen activities.

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LAS VEGAS DIVISION

At Las Vegas, Nevada:

Will contact additional sources re Secret Army Organization.

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2. Will re-open [] case and conduct investigation to determine if he is known to be active in captioned organization.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 12/22/71

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1173) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS
OO: SD

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Re PX letter to Bureau, 10/22/71 and Bureau letter to PX, 11/9/71.

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On 12/13/71, [] furnished additional printed material concerning the Secret Army Organization which he received through the mails from [] in an envelope postmarked at Lemon Grove, California on December 8, 1971. The envelope bore the return address, "Artist Supply, P.O. Box 593, Lemon Grove 92045." This material is the subject matter of a letterhead memorandum, six copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau.

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For the information of the Seattle Office, the letter which accompanied the referenced material made reference to "our friend up in Washington who was tied up in court on December 3 as a witness for a friend who was busted by the Eye." [] indicated that "our friend up North" would be traveling with him in January, and that the "friend in Northland" said that his people are real hot for the idea of starting a branch." [] also wrote "We are looking for a buy on some tear gas grenades and cartridges."

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- 2 - San Diego (enc. 5) (RM)
- 2 - Sacramento (enc. 2) (RM) (info.)
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- 2 - Los Angeles (enc. 2) (info.) (RM)
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Copies of this LHM are being sent to offices having direct and potential interest in this matter:

This LHM is being classified confidential to protect the confidential informant, who, at the juncture of the investigation, appears to be the only source of information in the Phoenix Division.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Phoenix, Arizona
December 21, 1971

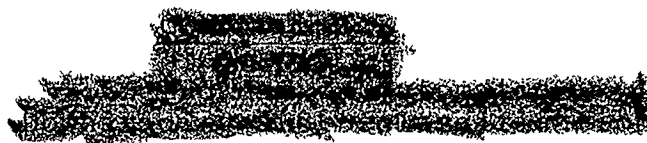
SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

A confidential informant has made background information available concerning the emergence of a new "patriotic" group under the name "Secret Army Organization".

Five former members of the Minutemen organization met in secret in October, 1971, for the purpose, in their words, of effecting "an organization of loyal Americans dedicated to the preservation of both national and individual freedom."

According to source, this is predominantly a Minutemen oriented movement which couches its statement of principles as follows in a piece of its literature captioned "Join the Secret Army Organization":

- 1) To prepare the means of personal defense and survival in case of enemy attack.
- 2) To resist and expose the spread of communist influence and propaganda within our own national boundaries.
- 3) To investigate by means of our own secret memberships the infiltration of communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion and education.



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4) To resist by any and all means the passage of laws which regulate the private ownership of firearms or which detract from the individual's ability to defend his own family and personal property.

5) To promote knowledge and skill in the use of arms by our own members and by the general public.

6) To form in advance of actual need a secret underground organization equipped to spy upon, harrass and destroy troops of any foreign power that might occupy United States territory.

7) To lend assistance and support wherever possible to other resistance organizations, domestic or foreign, opposing communist expansion or subversion.

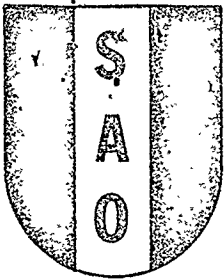
MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

8) To pursue these programs as private citizens motivated only by patriotism and to remain entirely free of government subsidies or control.

The organizing members of the Secret Army Organization have not been completely identified, but organization of the group is being spearheaded by [redacted] also known as [redacted] of San Diego, California, utilizing the mail drop address "Artist Supply, P.O. Box 503, Lemon Grove, California, 92045." A second general mail drop for the organization is "S.A.O., P.O. Box 5791, San Diego, California, 92105." A third mail drop is [redacted]

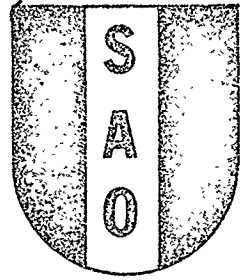
[redacted] is described as a white male, American, age [redacted] height 5'8", weight 150 pounds.

There is attached to and made a part of this memorandum printed material (photocopied) from Secret Army Organization headquarters which characterizes further the captioned organization.



SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS



Dear Fellow American,

Your application for membership in the Secret Army Organization has been processed and approved. It is our profound hope that your membership in the S. A. O. will prove to be a benefit to the organization and yourself as well. A dedicated member will find that his association with our organization is a way of life that is far more rewarding than the ordinary mediocre existence of his fellow enlightened citizens.

For security purposes all records regarding individual members are listed by numbers only. Your number will be _____. Please sign all future correspondence addressed to the organization with this number. You need not list your address unless it is different from the one in our records.

Another security measure employed by our organization is the use of mail drops. The mail drop is an address listed in a fictitious name of a person or company not connected with the organization. Each member is assigned one that he will use in sending all reports, correspondence, materials, etc., to the organization. Your assigned mail drop is:

We have a tremendous job ahead of us. Certainly, none of us pretend to know what the future holds for ourselves or for our native land. We do feel, however, that our freedom is gravely threatened. It is not always possible to know the best thing to do. But we do know this - our forefathers have given us a life of freedom and opportunity such as never existed before in all history. We must strive to pass this heritage on to future generations intact.

Our organization is not suggesting or doing anything more than Americans have always done - starting in 1776.

Enclosed is some further information about our organization, its history, objectives, and programs. Your record has been turned over to our training section and you should receive your first training program within two weeks.

Sincerely yours,

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~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

Captain Patrick McDonald
S. A. O. Headquarters Staff

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PRACTICAL SECURITY MEASURES

1. Use deceptive measures. Subscribe to one or more left-wing periodicals or get on the mailing list of some "peace movement". This will keep the postal inspectors guessing as to which side you are really on. While doing this our members can be of great assistance in searching this left-wing literature for names and addresses of fellow travelers and forwarding this information for our Central Intelligence files. We desperately need people to assist in this work. Please inquire as to detailed instructions for such activity.

2. Always use two envelopes in sending mail to any patriotic organizations or to any other member of our own organization. Do not put a return address on the outer envelope. Put your return address on the inside envelope with the words, "return postage guaranteed".

3. Place some opaque material such as tin foil, carbon paper, etc. between the inner and outer envelopes to prevent your mail from being read by infra-red cameras.

4. Send all letters from corner mail boxes or from post offices where you are not known.

5. Be careful in the use of the telephone. Avoid telephone calls to known members of the organization as much as possible.

6. Prepare telephone codes ahead of time for future protection.

7. In recruiting new members always learn as much as you can about the prospective recruit and make sure he is not an infiltrator before you identify yourself as a member of the organization.

8. Members of the organization in each area should be divided into four groups:

- A. Those who have been identified publicly or by law enforcement agencies as members of the Secret Army Organization.
- B. Those persons not known as members of this organization but who are generally known as being patriots.
- C. Those persons who have kept their political beliefs hidden.
- D. Members who profess to be liberal for the purpose of infiltrating enemy organizations.

All members should be very careful in making contact with persons in a different category than themselves. For example, people in Class D should be very secret in their contacts and communications with persons of Class A or Class

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B. Each member must respect the security of every other member. Do not, under any circumstances, identify one member of the organization even to other members without his expressed permission on each and every occasion.

9. Avoid loose talk. Do not discuss organizational plans in public places where you could be overheard. Do not even hint at such a discussion in the presence of non-members.

10. Do not write patriotic letters to newspapers or magazines under your own name. To do so achieves very little except to identify you to the enemy.

11. If you are already known as a patriot, or as a member of this organization you may find it advisable to spread the rumor that you have become disillusioned with the right-wing or for you to pretend a gradual loss of interest.

12. Classify your various members addresses, your communications and your other activities as "top secret", "secret" or "restricted". Use your most secret lines of communication only for the most important messages rather than flooding them with unimportant material.

13. Demand obedience to all security measures from all members. Persistent disregard for security measures should be cause for disciplinary action.

14. Check your lines of communication from time to time by sending phoney messages to make certain they are not intercepted.

15. Change mail drops, meeting places, etc. frequently.

16. Prepare secret rendezvous points, mail drops, etc. now that may be used in time of some future emergency.

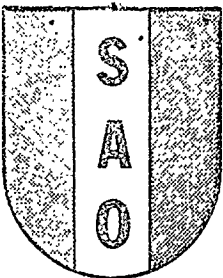
17. Each unit should assign some member the rank of Security Officer and should set up a system of fines or other penalties for failure to comply with security precautions.

18. Observe the "need to know" rule. Each member should be given only that information which is needed by him in the performance of his duty or which he will need in cooperating with other members of the unit. No member should feel "left out" because he is denied such information. Instead every member should willingly avoid information which he does not need.

19. Be careful that you are not followed in going to and from meeting places or in making contact with other members of the organization.

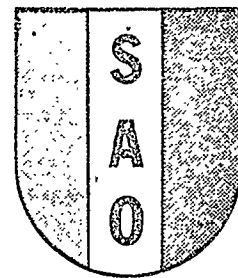
20. Keep all records and correspondence carefully hidden and in a manner that they can be easily destroyed. Records should be kept in code whenever possible.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS



Dear Fellow American,

Enclosed with this letter is your Preliminary Training Program. This first program is only a brief outline of some of the material that will be covered in later programs. There are four basic programs used by the Secret Army Organization: Intelligence, Security, Propaganda, and Recruiting, in that order. Each program will cost the new member \$3.00 and will take between one to three weeks to complete.

The correspondence training program serves a number of purposes, but the two major purposes are:

1. It lets us know which members of the organization have the patience and determination to finish assignments given them.
2. It lets us be certain that the members have the necessary basic training in intelligence, security, etc., which is essential to almost any important task which we could assign a member in underground warfare.

Proper training in these four basic skills is absolutely essential for every member of an underground army. A member may be an expert in survival techniques, use of weapons, urban warfare tactics and all the rest but experience has shown that without these other basic skills they seldom do much fighting - they just commit suicide.

For those of you who wish to become active and trusted members of the Secret Army Organization, let us emphasize again that the quickest way of doing so is to begin and diligently complete the basic training programs.

After you have completed the five work projects listed in the Preliminary Training Program send \$3.00 in to your regular mail drop and we will send you the first training program on Intelligence. In view of the urgent situation we now face some of our new members may receive special assignments after having completed the first two training programs. If this happens please try to redouble your efforts so that your special assignments can be taken care of while continuing to complete your regular training program.

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PRELIMINARY TRAINING LESSON

Project No. 1

Look over the various books in your local public library that have been written on intelligence and espionage. Select two that seem best and read them carefully.

Project No. 2

Write a brief outline of these two books and send it to your regular assigned mail drop or to General Headquarters.

Project No. 3

Get in touch with one trusted friend that you do not ordinarily see too often. Preferably one that does not live in your present neighborhood. Inform him that he may, in the future, receive letters with an inner envelope with your name on it. Make sure he will keep these envelopes confidential and will secretly pass them on to you or hold them until you can pick them up. Let us know this alternate address in case we need to contact you in extreme circumstances.

Project No. 4

Make necessary preparations to use a fictitious name for receipt of left-wing literature and correspondence. An important part of each members duties is to keep yourself and our organization informed on left-wing and communist activity in your area.

A phoney organization that includes the word "Peace" as part of its name is always a suitable cover. The address can be a P. O. Box, that of a friend, or even your own address. Mail several letters to the name and address you decide on to get the postal employees accustomed to it now. Then you will be ready to use it for the real thing.

Project No. 5

While working in the library, place the enclosed Secret Army Organization leaflets in between the pages of various books where they will be found and read by others.

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PRELIMINARY TRAINING PROGRAM

It would be a mistake to think that our enemies have one set plan for the conquest of the United States. They are maintaining many continuous attacks on many fronts at the same time - political, education, business, labor, and even religion. They are continuously probing for weak spots in the defenses of our nation. During the past forty years so many openings have been left to them by the stupidity and collusion of our national leaders that they have been able to advance almost at will.

There is little we can do to change this situation at this time. Rather than deplete our limited resources on futile attempts to do so, we must concentrate on building a workable anti-communist underground army based on realities rather than wishful thinking and organized on the tried and proven principles of underground warfare.

The communists have fifty years experience in suppressing anti-communist underground activity. If we are to fight them successfully - if we are to hold out until the final victory of freedom over tyranny - then our underground army is going to have to be the most skillful and dedicated that the world has ever known. There is only one kind of member that can qualify for such an army - the very best!

This will require intensive training and practice. There is no short cut to perfection. By drawing on the talents of several of our more experienced members we think we now have a training program that can develop that kind of underground army.

In this program four different types of training will be involved:

1. Correspondence and printed material.
2. Tape recordings, picture slides, charts, etc., sold or loaned to S. A. O. units or members.
3. Actual experience - "On the job" training by carrying out assignments under supervision of more experienced members.
4. Training maneuvers - Due to the difficulty of keeping large training sessions secret the General Staff has decided that such training sessions will be held only for small select groups that have already completed sufficient preliminary training at the local level.

INTELLIGENCE - SECURITY - PROPAGANDA

This preliminary training lesson is designed to give our members basic knowledge and practice in intelligence, security and propaganda. This first lesson is basic

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preparation for advanced training in these three important activities which will be dealt with in greater detail further on in the training program.

INTELLIGENCE

Underground warfare, as we customarily think of it, cannot succeed unless it is supported by a well developed organization comprising all the essential functions of intelligence, security, propaganda, communications, supply, medical services, etc.

Of all these, intelligence is most important. Let's consider one example: Suppose you picked up a telephone book, opened it up to any page at random, closed your eyes and put your finger on one name. Now suppose you read that name for the first time and said to yourself, "Sometime in the next 30 days I'm going to kill this man."

Consider the situation - one man, picked at random is marked for death. He might be the most powerful, the wealthiest, the most influential man in that city but none of these things would help him in the least. He would be defenseless. Why? Because you would have one thing that he did not have - intelligence. You would know his identity and he would not know yours. So long as that condition continued, there would be no possible way in which he could arrange an adequate defense against you.

Exactly the same situation exists between ourselves and our communist and socialist enemies. Our success will be directly proportionate to our knowledge of them and inversely proportionate to their knowledge of us.

Whatever a member's principal job may be in the Secret Army Organization, he must have a basic knowledge of intelligence techniques. This subject is therefore the first to be considered in our training program.

The word "intelligence", when used in a military sense refers to those methods that can be used to gain useful information. We usually think of this as knowledge of the enemy but it also includes information about the terrain, general population, available supplies and all other facts that will help in planning future activities.

Intelligence is roughly divided into three parts:

1. Observation. During a hot war this includes scouting and patrolling, observation of enemy troop movements, etc. On the cold war front this includes shadowing of enemy personnel, surveillance of enemy officers, tapping of telephones, interception of messages, etc.

2. Research and Analysis. Collecting and cataloging all possible useful information from general sources, newspapers, radio, trade magazines, etc., then matching up isolated scraps of information until an accurate picture is obtained of some situation that would not otherwise be known.

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3. Espionage. This involves the placing or recruiting of agents within the enemy personnel where they can learn the enemy's plans first hand, steal the enemy's documents or materials, influence or misdirect the enemy's plans or policies.

Suppose you had a chance to see some important document for just a few minutes. How quickly could you scan it for its essential content? How well could you separate the important from the unimportant? Could you record this information in a written message that can be easily read and will not be misinterpreted?

Imagine that you are the leader of a patrol sent forward to observe and track an enemy column prior to a possible ambush. From time to time you will need to send back your observations in written form. Each S. A. O. member must develop the ability to put his thoughts on paper in such a way that they will be easily read and unmistakable.

The first two projects are designed to give the new member an opportunity to test these skills while learning (or reviewing) basic elements of espionage activity. When these have been completed more advanced material will be furnished to the member directly. Useful intelligence projects of increasing complexity and importance will be assigned to those wishing to specialize in this work.

SECURITY

It is obvious what a great advantage we can gain over our enemies by proper information about their plans and activities. It is equally true that much of this advantage will be lost unless we can keep our plans and activities secret from them. This is the basic purpose of all security activities. Overall security operations of an underground movement can be divided into five basic parts:

1. Protecting the identity of underground personnel and their families.
2. Keeping secret the location, movements and plans of underground units.
3. Keeping secret the location of underground headquarters, alternate hideouts and supply depots.
4. Protecting the identity of civilians, or individual members of the population that are friendly to underground forces.
5. Maintaining secrecy of communications.

As we have already said it is difficult to even guess what forms the coming conflict will take. Nevertheless, the strategy of all successful underground movements must satisfy these three basic principles:

First, is the "Principle of Deliberate Delay". During this state, the underground gathers its forces, checks its security, prepares its intelligence, establishes its lines of communications and waits for the enemy to become complacent and overconfident.

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Second is the "Principle of Provocation". At the beginning of this stage only a few real patriots are willing to take part in underground activity. The vast majority of the population is still wishfully thinking that they can "get along" with the oppressive forces. They want only to be left alone and will not take action until they are personally threatened. During this stage the underground conducts a series of actions which provoke the enemy forces into making harsh repressive measures on the general population. This turns the general population against the oppressive forces and convinces them that the underground is really their only hope.

Stage Three may be called "Principle of Natural Allies". When the government's action against the general population becomes sufficiently brutal then large numbers of people will be willing to help or join the underground. Their reasons for doing so may be numerous and their ideology may not always be the same as the basic underground movement. During this stage minor differences between different underground groups must be minimized and all of our natural allies must be rallied to the cause of freedom.

The intelligence branch of our organization is well aware of the communist infiltration and control of the present United States government. It can rightly be said that we are now partially controlled by a foreign ideology. Thus, we are already engaged in Phase I of this conflict. How long this will continue until open warfare breaks out is anyone's guess. Once again, the best prediction of our intelligence department is that Stage II will last for several months, perhaps even years. This will be a time of assassination and counter assassination, terror and counter terror. During this phase the "average citizen" may avoid direct conflict at the price of his dignity and individual freedom. Known patriots will be in extreme danger.

For most people membership in the Secret Army Organization will not materially increase their danger during this time. For many years our enemies have carefully catalogued the name and address of every person who has ever written a patriotic letter to a newspaper. The membership lists of the more prominent "conservative" organizations have long been available to communist infiltrators in these organizations.

Continued activity and membership in other conservative organizations by members of the S. A. O. is desirable in many cases but those individuals should not identify themselves as members of the Secret Army Organization. For most of our own members it will be best if you do not take part in the activities of these other organizations. Although many of you are already "marked" men a certain degree of security can still be achieved by quietly dropping out of other right-wing activities and keeping your membership in the S. A. O. secret from all except your most trusted fellow members.

There may come a time when the average American is still able to go about his business with little regimentation but during which you as a known or suspected patriot, may be sought out for arrest or assassination.

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Project III listed at the end of this chapter may make it possible for the organization to contact you and render assistance should you ever find it necessary to go into hiding with little advance notice.

Project IV is a first step toward learning more about your enemies and at the same time, confusing them as to which side you are really on.

PROPAGANDA

Another essential function of the underground is to convincingly inform the general public of what they stand for and thus gain the support of the general population. This must be done through propaganda, both written and spoken. Under conditions of enemy occupation the spreading of anti-communist propaganda would obviously be very dangerous. Even now there are certain phases of our propaganda effort that is best done by surreptitious means. Thus, observation, communication and propaganda are three elementary duties of every underground member.

Never before has propaganda been so important to the ultimate outcome of a major conflict. The ultimate object of any war is to force your desires on the minds of your enemies. Our enemies are attempting to do this by the non-violent means of psychological warfare.

Selection of weapons and supplies should give the Combat Team maximum flexibility to meet any condition that may be encountered in either rural or urban warfare. Consideration should be given to all possible situations that may develop relating to both traditional guerrilla warfare and modern underground warfare techniques. It should be kept in mind that the Combat Team is a functional part of a resistance network. Its activities should be coordinated with other teams to take maximum advantage of its striking powers.

Disregarding the inclusion of weapons peculiar to a given mission, the standard distribution of men and weapons could be as follows:

- #1 (Team Lieutenant) AR-180 Assault Rifle, automatic pistol, sheath knife, flare gun, and binoculars. 300 rounds of ammunition loaded in clips should be carried for the rifle, plus 50 extra rounds of ammunition for the pistol.
- #2 (Team Member) Riot Shotgun, automatic pistol, sheath knife, and wire cutters (with insulated handles). 100 rounds of No. 4 Buckshot in pouches for the shotgun, and 50 rounds of pistol ammunition.
- #3 (Team Member) AR-180 Assault Rifle, automatic pistol, sheath knife, and smoke grenades or flares. 300 rounds of ammunition in clips for the rifle, and 50 rounds of pistol ammunition.
- #4 (Team Sergeant) AR-180 Assault Rifle, automatic pistol, sheath knife, flare gun, and binoculars. Ammunition requirement is the same as #1 man.
- #5 (Team Member) M1903 Springfield Rifle with sniper scope, automatic pistol, sheath knife, and entrenching shovel. 100 rounds of AP ammunition in bandoleers for the rifle, and 50 rounds of pistol ammunition.
- #6 (Team Member) AR-180 Assault Rifle, automatic pistol, sheath knife, and 30 feet of climbing rope with grappling hook. Ammunition requirement is the same as #1 man.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

In addition to the weapons and supplies already listed each team member should have the following basic equipment:

- a. Sleeping bag and waterproof ground cloth
- b. Canteen (1 quart army type)
- c. Survival rations for three days
- d. First aid kit
- e. Gas mask with extra filter
- f. Flashlight with extra batteries
- g. Fatigue or camouflage clothing
- h. Combat or paratrooper boots

- m. The team leaders will be responsible for maintaining the overall security of the unit. Personal feelings should not affect decisions involving reprimand or dismissal of men from the team for reasons that endanger its operation or security.
- n. Intelligence gathering as an important part of each team member's duties should be stressed. Information on the location and movements of local communist and left-wing enemies of the organization should be sent to either Regional or General Headquarters.
- o. The team leaders will be responsible for maintaining contact with higher command and for the transmission of orders from same.

ORGANIZATION

The "Combat Team" will consist of six men. These six men will be divided into two sub-teams (Sections). Number One Section will consist of the Team Lieutenant and two other team members. Number Two Section will consist of the Team Sergeant and the two remaining team members. When completely assembled the unit will act directly under the command of the Team Lieutenant. When split into sections the Team Sergeant will carry out the orders of the Team Lieutenant during missions but will be in immediate command of the Number Two Section. In the absence of the Team Lieutenant the Sergeant will take command of the Unit.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation of the Combat Team will be effected by the use of two carriers. Interception and/or destruction of one carrier will not, then, immobilize the team. In addition, each carrier can serve as a scouting element for the other. Motorized carriers should be as inconspicuous as possible and still serve their purpose. Jeeps and pickup trucks should be used only where such vehicles are owned and used commonly by the general population or where the terrain makes their use necessary. Most often an ordinary passenger car will suffice. The model selected should have a good road clearance so it can be used on dirt roads. Tire chains (if needed), hydraulic jacks, extra gas, water, and suitable tools should be stored in the vehicle.

TRAVEL PROCEDURES

Underway, Carrier #1 will lead and Carrier #2 will trail. The "interval" will vary with conditions. In cities close-aboard trailing will be used. Open road, by day, will require an interval of approximately 300 yards. At night this will be reduced to approximately 100 yards. During travel, all equipment (especially arms and ammunition) should be kept out of sight. Special team equipment and weapons should be locked in the trunk of the vehicle until needed. The trunk key should be carefully hidden so as to make it difficult to search the trunk in case law enforcement agents should stop the car on some pretext with the intention of searching it illegally.

THE COMBAT TEAM

General Outline

The "Combat Team" is the smallest organizational unit used by the Secret Army Organization. When organized in the proper manner it is capable of operational initiative when detached from the parent organization. When developed to its highest degree of efficiency the Combat Team is almost totally self-sufficient and able to perform any one of several missions. To attain these aims the following elements are essential:

- a. Equipment should be well-chosen and standardized as much as possible.
- b. Communications, internal and external, must be capable of rapid transmission, be varied in nature, and be exercised with prime emphasis on security.
- c. Internal coordination should be automatic in response. Confidence among members of the team must be developed.
- d. Selection of each position on the team should be based on psychological aspects as well as technical competence.
- e. Training of the men in each function should be at regular intervals and continuous. Field problems should be given dry runs in detail.
- f. The logistics problem should be studied with care, and made simple and direct.
- g. Each team will have a "leader" (Lieutenant) and an "assistant leader" (Sergeant). These men shall be given special training by the Secret Army Organization at "leadership seminars".
- h. Team "marshalling points" should be selected in advance and be well defined. Practice "alerts" will determine the team's efficiency in response and security.
- i. Terrain familiarity within the expected operational radius of the team must be developed.
- j. Weapons familiarity must be obtained through live firings at various targets. Team action must be stressed as well as individual competence.
- k. The team leader should see that a constant flow of information is provided to team members on the ideological struggle. This will help induce the proper frame of mind in each member.
- l. Team missions and targets must be identified and the proper training equipment made available for each assignment.

MEMBERS REPORT FORM

Please fill out and return to your assigned mail drop as quickly as possible. If you have not yet been assigned a regular mail drop, Mail to: P. O. Box 5791, San Diego, California 92105.

CODE NAME OR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
(Only if changed from last month)

BASIC CORRESPONDENCE TRAINING PROGRAM: (Enclose \$3.00 for each program)

☐ Intelligence ☐ Security ☐ Propaganda ☐ Recruiting

Special Note: Each program must be ordered only upon completion of the prior program. Enclose payment when ordering each program.

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION MATERIALS:

☐ S. A. O. Stickers (50 for \$1.00) ☐ S. A. O. Leaflets (50 for \$1.00)

Other Materials Needed: _____
(Recruiting forms, Histories, Etc.)

S. A. O. DUES FOR _____ CONTRIBUTION TO S. A. O. _____

S. A. O. DUES FOR _____ MATERIALS _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY YOUR ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO THE ORGANIZATION DURING THE PAST MONTH:

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JOIN THE SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

*An organization of loyal Americans
dedicated to the preservation of both
national and individual freedom.*

1. To prepare the means of personal defense and survival in case of enemy attack.
2. To resist and expose the spread of communist influence and propaganda within our own national boundaries.
3. To investigate by means of our own secret memberships the infiltration of communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion and education.
4. To resist by any and all means the passage of laws which regulate the private ownership of firearms or which detract from the individual's ability to defend his own family and personal property.
5. To promote knowledge and skill in the use of arms by our own members and by the general public.
6. To form in advance of actual need a secret underground organization equipped to spy upon, harass and destroy troops of any foreign power that might occupy United States territory.
7. To lend assistance and support wherever possible to other resistance organizations, domestic or foreign, opposing communist expansion or subversion.
8. To pursue these programs as private citizens motivated only by patriotism and to remain entirely free of government subsidies or control.

The Secret Army Organization is a national organization of patriotic Americans who are preparing themselves as a last line of defense against communism. To exemplify the necessity of such an organization, we quote the 1960 Annual Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities as follows:

"Events of the past year have provided convincing evidence that the American people cannot rely completely on this country's armed forces to protect themselves from communist domination and slavery. This is not because our military forces lack the power or the will to defend this country, but rather because the nature of the attacks being made on the United States by its major and only significant enemy are so designed as to render conventional military forces as ineffective as possible for defense purposes."

Starting from nothing 50 years ago, communism now rigidly controls one-third of the human race and has subverted to varying degrees the remaining two-thirds. In the past 20 years the communists have conquered 20 sovereign nations, one by armed conquest and 19 by internal subversion or negotiation.

There is not one of these countries in which the communists rule by the consent of the people. Everywhere they must perpetuate themselves by terror. They remain in power only through the use of the most brutal police state tactics.

The communists consider their party workers not simply as an accessory to armed conquest but as the actual spearhead of any invasion into new territory. From this point of view the United States was "invaded" by Soviet troops more than 30 years ago. It has been authoritatively estimated that the communists now have an army of 500,000 combatants already landed on American shores and already working by the most insidious means to destroy our American way of life.

The cold war is very real. It must be fought and won. The only alternative is to lose and to lose means that future Americans for generations to come must live in terror and in slavery. Appeasement is futile. We cannot bargain with moral barbarians who never have and never will know the meaning of honesty.

Communism must be defeated, not merely resisted. We must rid our country of traitors and fellow travelers. We must embark on a massive offensive turning every communist trick - from propaganda to infiltration - against our mortal enemy. This is the one and only way to win the struggle for survival.

Send 20¢ in coin or stamps for full information on the Secret Army Organization programs and membership application to: S. A. O., P. O. Box 5791, San Diego, California 92105.

Secret Army Organization

TRAINING PROGRAM

INTELLIGENCE

We are faced with a dangerous enemy who has repeatedly boasted of his plans to destroy our Constitutional Republic and to enslave our people.

For more than forty years they have been infiltrating their agents into the most sensitive areas of labor, press, entertainment, education, law, communications, religion, industry and government. The degree of their success is made obvious by our government's failure to oppose communism internationally and by our fellow citizens' lack of interest in their own preservation.

We already know a considerable amount about this enemy; their origin, objectives, approximate strength, organizational structure and general methods of operation.

There are four areas where we especially need additional information:

1. Details of the techniques used in espionage, infiltration and subversion by individual agents, including the methods by which they control their fellow travelers.
2. The equipment used for surveillance, communication, assassination, sabotage, etc., by individual enemy agents.
3. Working details of their short range programs either in operation or planned for the near future.
4. The actual identity of enemy agents, fellow travelers and sympathizers along with details regarding their work, place of residence, cover operation, means of transportation, travel pattern, personal appearance, mental characteristics, personal lives, business and organizational activities.

Our ultimate victory or defeat may depend on our ability to obtain enough of this vitally important information.

There are literally thousands of sources from which bits of valuable information can be obtained. These range from such extremes as the local newspapers to documents stolen from the enemy's guarded vaults.

The methods of gathering intelligence are roughly divided into two groups: 1) Research and Analysis, and 2) Espionage.

Espionage includes all the "illegal" means of obtaining information, such as wire-tapping, interception of mail, stealing of documents, secretly photographing records, infiltrating spies into enemy organizations, bribing or blackmailing individuals of the enemy apparatus.

Research and Analysis includes the careful systematic search of all newspapers, magazines, trade journals, house organs, political pamphlets, books, public records, etc., to sift a few "needles" of valuable intelligence from several "haystacks" of general information.

Professional intelligence organizations obtain about 95% of their information from Research and Analysis and only about 5% from Espionage. When espionage techniques are used, they prove most effective when a specific mission is carefully planned out in advance which takes advantage of all possible background information that may be obtained by research methods.

Let's examine how these various techniques might be used to obtain additional information of the four basic types we need most.

1. Details of the techniques used in espionage, infiltration and subversion by individual agents including methods by which they control their fellow travelers.

An agent trainee may learn something of the general espionage methods used by communist agents who have defected from the party and have then written about their experiences. Beyond this they are of very little value. The actual details of such techniques are uniformly neglected.

More useful information can be obtained from the study of past court records in which evidence has been presented in espionage cases. Hints and clues may occasionally be picked up from continuous and careful study of the regular news media. Really basic information of this type, however, must be obtained by infiltration and espionage techniques.

2. The equipment used for surveillance, communications, assassination, sabotage, etc., by individual agents.

Hints about the type of hidden microphones, short wave transmitters, miniature tape recorders, etc. used in surveillance and communication by espionage agents sometimes are mentioned by chance in the regular press or news magazines, in connection with reported spy cases. Technical details and construction plans occasionally are given in the electronics or "Popular Science" type magazines. Other information may be requested directly from the manufacturers of such equipment.

The type of short acting or long acting poisons best suited for assassination under various conditions might be anticipated by a careful study of toxicology; from "Chemical Abstracts" and Biological Abstracts"; from current magazines on pharmacology, as well as from such magazines as "Scientific Monthly" and "Science Newsletter", all available from larger city libraries.

Information on explosives is available from ordinance journals, literature from manufacturers, technical books, mining and drilling magazines, etc.

Naturally, such special fields of interest are best pursued by some person who already has an aptitude in each particular line.

This is one of the things that makes us feel that the American people are uniquely equipped to form a deadly effective underground. Nowhere else in the world does any population have as many useful hobbies and avocations that could be adapted to underground warfare. Many by products of these hobbies can be used as sabotage instruments. Just one typical example - the dust from grinding wheels in metal shops should be saved to mix with grease for the bearings of enemy machinery.

3. Working details of their immediate and future plans and activities.

Advance information about "peace marches" and racial demonstrations can be had by subscribing to appropriate communist front publications. Details as to the size of the demonstration and degree of violence anticipated must be obtained by infiltrating such organizations. Communist plans for future propaganda campaigns, subversion, espionage, blackmail of government officials, etc., may be learned directly by infiltration or may be deduced from a close study of their past activities.

4. Identity and personal information about enemy agents.

This requires the full scope of counter espionage activity; research and analysis of enemy publications, monitoring of communist sponsored meetings, surveillance of party offices, infiltration of enemy apparatus, recruitment of double agents, interception of enemy communications, etc., etc.

TECHNIQUES OF EFFECTIVE RESEARCH

1. Every researcher should be constantly on the alert for useful information in the general news media - radio, TV, magazines, etc.

2. Each researcher should have one field of interest to which he gives special attention.

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For example:

One researcher might read every book available on "escape and evasion" and all the stories or articles written on prison escapes, looking for ideas that might someday help our members escape from a concentration camp.

Another researcher might continuously search the communist front publications for names of fellow travelers; for announcements of future meetings, rallies or similar activities; for additional information that would tie suspected communists to known communist organization; for friendships, business connections and family relationships between known communists and unknown communists.

Each city should have one researcher that carefully reads the daily papers to extract such information as: names of speakers at left wing meetings, names and addresses of both left and right wing letters to the editor, social functions attended by known communists, names of persons who might be potential recruits, news of coming "peace marches" and similar demonstrations, expressions of either pro or anti communist sentiments by local public officials, educators, businessmen, ministers, etc., evidence of communist inspired violence, sabotage or blackmail.

There is an almost endless variety of areas that need to be covered. Based on his or her own interests and abilities each researcher should choose the specialty for which they are best qualified.

3. Be as specific as possible. Look for details. Include blue-prints, drawings or photographs of all technical equipment when possible. Don't expect your analyst to be a "mind reader". Include all the facts. Continuously ask yourself the questions: Would this information be of value to the Secret Army Organization? To individual espionage agents? To other members? To our technical specialists?

4. Avoid editorial opinions and general news items as these are of little value and needlessly swamp our limited staff of analysts.

5. Do all the work locally that you possibly can. If the person is local, look them up in the telephone book or cross index. Double check to make sure the address is correct and that they still live there. Type cards if possible, otherwise, print plainly. Include phone numbers and licence numbers of cars whenever possible.

6. Use standard 3 x 5 inch index cards for sending in information on individuals. Clip pages of magazines or photostat important articles. In outlining books, be sure important facts are fully covered.

7. Always state the source of all information reported to the organization.

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Printed below is a sample index card showing the proper placement of information. Use it as a guide when making out your cards.

	December 1, 1970
Home Address:	
Automobile: 1968 Ford, Green 4-Door, Lic. No. CAL 555	
Activities: Gave a talk against war to the Santa Ana Chapter of the Peace and Freedom Party. is a full <u>Professor</u> of Political Science at UCLA. (source: Los Angeles Times, page A-4, November 28, 1970)	
XXXX (member's ID number)	

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WORK PROJECTS

1. Write to the following "peace publication" (most of them are actually communist fronts) and ask for subscription price and a sample copy.

(A) When these sample copies are received by you, proceed to make out an index card on each person mentioned as supporting or taking part in any peace organization. Do not forget to include the magazine staff (editor, circulation manager, authors, etc.) Include a description of the position held or activity referred to for each.

(B) Analyze the propaganda content of each magazine - in what way does it serve the communist cause? When completed, send these magazines in to your regular assigned mail drop along with your index cards, comments and analysis.

2. Using your fictitious name, write to the following "peace organization". Tell them you are concerned about the world situation and would like to help in the peace movement. Ask for the location of their nearest headquarters or a local member you could contact, as well as further information about their organizational plans and objectives.

(A) Make out index cards on all persons listed on their letterhead and in their literature.

(B) Analyze their propaganda literature and forward it to your regular mail drop along with your comments on how this particular organization promotes communist objectives.

(C) Send a note to let us know what research specialty you feel best qualified for and what plans you are making to gain useful information in this field.

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CODE NAME: _____

ASSIGNMENT: _____

RANK: _____ SECURITY RATING: _____

CONTACT: _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona
December 22, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title Secret Army Organization

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned
as above at Phoenix, Arizona.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

1 - Mr. R.L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. T.J. Smith
(Mr. R. Horner)

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO), EXTREMIST MATTERS. 1 - Mr. Brockman (Mr. R. Horner)

REBULET TO PHOENIX NOVEMBER NINE LAST AND YOUR TELETYPE

JANUARY SEVEN LAST ENTITLED "CALREP, NEW LEFT MOVEMENT - VIOLENCE,

IS - NEW LEFT: [REDACTED]

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE YOU SHOULD VIGOROUSLY INTENSIFY YOUR INVESTIGATION OF SAO TO ASCERTAIN ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, DISCREETLY IDENTIFY ITS LEADERS AND MEMBERS AND DETERMINE IF ANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE BEING PLANNED. LOGICAL SOURCES SHOULD BE TARGETED TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF ANY MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP AND DATA REGARDING ANY WEAPONS MEMBERS MAY POSSESS.

LOGICAL SOURCES SHOULD BE TARGETED TO DISCREETLY DEVELOP ANY INTELLIGENCE DATA REGARDING THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS BY MEMBERS OF SAO, AS MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. YOUR SOURCES SHOULD BE TARGETED TO OBTAIN ADVANCE INTELLIGENCE DATA REGARDING ANY POSSIBLE VIOLENCE BY MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP.

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Miller, Esq. _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Dalbey _____
Mr. Cleveland _____
Mr. Ponder _____
Mr. Bates _____
Mr. Waikart _____
Mr. Walters _____
Mr. Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION**

JAN 10 1972

10/9 TELETYPE

MAIL ROOM

TELETYPE UNIT

TELETYPE TO SAN DIEGO
RE: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD BE PROMPTLY
SUBMITTED IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

NOTE:

Referenced teletype indicated two shots were fired during the evening of 1/6/72 at the residence of [REDACTED] a San Diego State College Professor. One individual at the residence was wounded by gunfire. Referenced teletype indicated [REDACTED] and others at his residence at the time of shooting are active in the San Diego Convention Coalition, described as a group formed during the Fall of 1971 to organize disruption at Republic National Convention to be held in San Diego. August, 1972. Referenced teletype further indicated [REDACTED] mentioned he had early on 1/6/72 received two threatening telephone calls from persons stating they were members of the Secret Army Organization. It was also indicated that sticker of SAO was placed on the door of [REDACTED] office.

SAO has been described as an ultra-conservative/^{para}military organization recently formed in the San Diego area to replace the Minutemen organization. Minutemen is a paramilitary group organized in June, 1960, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics.

San Diego has previously been instructed to determine aims and objectives and identities of officers of captioned organization. In view of data contained in referenced teletype, San Diego being instructed to attempt to intensify its investigation of this organization.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller *esm*

FROM : G. C. Moore *GCM*

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS

- 1 - Mr. W. M. Felt
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop

DATE: 1/11/72

- 1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
- 1 - Mr. T. J. Smith
- 1 - Mr. L. G. Brockman

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Rosen _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Miller, E.S. *esm*
Callahan _____
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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that a new group known as "Secret Army Organization" (SAO), a small ultra-conservative paramilitary organization recently formed in the San Diego, California, area, reportedly has been involved in extremist acts.

A confidential source recently furnished information regarding a clandestine meeting and plans to form a new white-hate organization called SAO which reportedly would take the place of the Minutemen group in San Diego. The Minutemen, also a paramilitary group, was organized in Missouri during 1960 to act as a resistance to the spread of communism by use of guerrilla tactics.

During the evening of 1/6/72, two shots were fired, injuring one person, at the residence of [REDACTED] a San Diego State College professor. Shots reportedly came from the direction of a passing automobile and were fired by a white male described as being in his mid twenties. [REDACTED] and others at his residence at the time of the shooting reportedly are active in the San Diego Convention Coalition which is a New Left group formed during the Fall of 1971 to organize demonstrations at the Republican National Convention scheduled to be held in San Diego during August, 1972. [REDACTED] reportedly has indicated that on 1/6/72 prior to the shooting he received two threatening telephone calls from persons stating they were members of SAO. A sticker of SAO was also pasted to the door of [REDACTED] office.

Some SAO organizers appear to be identical with individuals who were formerly involved in Minutemen activities. Our San Diego Office has been instructed to vigorously pursue all aspects in the investigation of this new group.

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller
Re: Secret Army Organization
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Pertinent information concerning this shooting attack and threatening calls has been included in the daily teletype summary regarding Protest Activity and Civil Disturbances which is furnished The White House and other interested Government agencies. You will be advised of any further pertinent developments.

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For information.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN DIEGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN DIEGO	DATE 1/21/72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/8/71 - 1/7/72
TITLE OF CASE SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY jam
DELETED COPY SENT BY LETTER 12-17-75 PER FOIA REQUEST Ed/ell		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTREMIST MATTER SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION	

REFERENCE: Phoenix letter to the Bureau and LHM dated 10/22/71;

Bureau letter to Phoenix dated 11/9/71;
Las Vegas letter to the Bureau dated 12/6/71;
Phoenix letter to the Bureau dated 12/17/71;
Phoenix letter and LHM to the Bureau dated 12/22/71.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

It is noted that the large volume of information reported herein was furnished by [redacted] the sole source

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					☒ NONE	ACQUIT-TALS
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	
Deleted Copy Sent by Letter 9/17/75 Per FOIA Request Ed/ell						CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO
APPROVED E/0 IN CHARGE						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW.

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Report declassified/all agencies advised
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- 1 - Portland (Info)
- 1 - Sacramento (Info)
- 2 - Seattle

of such information in the San Diego Division. Much of this information is known only to the source and to one other individual within the organization. Therefore, in order to afford this source additional security, he has been assigned two T symbol numbers for the purpose of reporting information in the report as follows:

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The identity of [] is known to the Bureau.

This report is being classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information from SD T-1 and SD T-2, a confidential source of continuing value to the Bureau in security matters. The unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the report could reasonably result in the identification of the informant which would be prejudicial to the defense interests of the nation.

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All individuals referred to herein as leaders of the SAO in the San Diego area are either being actively investigated or have been so investigated in the past to determine whether they should be placed on the ADEX.

For the additional information of the Bureau and Kansas City, which is Office of Origin in the Minutemen investigation, all individuals associated with the Secret Army Organization (SAO) at San Diego are former members of the Minutemen organization or sympathizers or supporters of that organization. Inasmuch as information contained in this report covers the main areas of Minutemen-type activity within the San Diego area and due to the fact that the individuals who have formed the SAO consider the Minutemen organization to effectively be non-existent, this report is being submitted to Kansas City in lieu of the regular report on Minutemen activity at San Diego.

For the information of the Phoenix Division, [redacted] reported on 11/9/71 that the SAO had received a written request from one [redacted]

[redacted] asking for information regarding the SAO.

In connection with its investigation of the individual named [redacted] as referred to in Las Vegas letter dated 12/6/71 and Phoenix letter dated 12/17/71, Oklahoma City should note that, in early January, 1972, [redacted] SAO leader at San Diego, indicated to [redacted] that there were one or more individuals in the State of Oklahoma, exact location not known, who [redacted] referred to as contacts of the SAO.

In addition, it is noted that [redacted] has advised of other contacts of the SAO or written requests for information about the SAO from areas within the Kansas City, El Paso, Baltimore, Los Angeles, Portland, and Sacramento Divisions.

Part II, C., of this report sets forth information regarding an incident in which a young woman, [redacted] was injured by sniper fire while at the residence of a San Diego State College professor named [redacted]

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Both [] are subjects of investigation in the San Diego Division on the basis of their activities in the New Left Movement.

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[] residence is a commune known as [] which is a focal point of New Left activity in San Diego and, at this time, is primarily concerned with formulating plans for confrontations and demonstrations during the 1972 Republican National Convention at San Diego. It has been determined that [] wound is not serious in nature.

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[] who was present during the incident on an intelligence gathering assignment for the SAO, has identified the assailant as [] who accompanied informant on this assignment. Informant has advised that this incident was not premeditated by the SAO or any member of it, including [] and that it was a spur of the moment action on [] part. This information has been disseminated on a confidential basis to the San Diego Police Department, which is investigating the incident.

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It is noted that much of the printed literature and propaganda of the SAO has been forwarded to the Bureau via referenced Phoenix communications. However, in order to assure the completeness of this report, one copy of each piece of printed material distributed by the SAO is being included at the end of this report in a section marked "Addendum."

It is noted that details of this report include information dated prior to that of the investigative period. This information is included so as to show a more complete picture of the origin and structure of this organization.

A copy of this report is being disseminated locally to U.S. Secret Service, San Diego, California.

LEADS

EL PASO, LOS ANGELES, OKLAHOMA CITY, PORTLAND, and
SACRAMENTO DIVISIONS

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LEADS (cont'd)

Information copies of this report are being directed to the above offices for their reference and possible investigative assistance in view of the fact that contacts or requests for information regarding the SAO have been reported within those Divisions.

BALTIMORE

Baltimore is requested to furnish San Diego with basic information regarding the group allegedly operated by [redacted] and to contact knowledgeable sources regarding this group, to determine the extent of any alliance or connection with the SAO.

LAS VEGAS

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. 1. Will identify [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and determine any activities on his part in behalf of the SAO.

2. Will determine if the [redacted] telephone number [redacted] referred to in this report is the same as [redacted] mentioned in referenced Las Vegas letter to the Bureau.

PHOENIX

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA. Will identify [redacted] and determine the nature of his activities, if any.

SEATTLE

AT BOTHELL, WASHINGTON. Will identify [redacted] and determine the nature of his activities.

SAN DIEGO

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LEADS (cont'd)

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. Will attempt to identify additional members of the SAO and follow and report activities of this organization.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U.S. Secret Service, San Diego

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: SAN DIEGO
Date: January 21, 1972

Field Office File #: San Diego 157-2815 Bureau File #: 157-23577

Title: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)

Character: EXTREMIST MATTERS - SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

Synopsis:

Secret Army Organization (SAO) formed at San Diego, California, and in late September, 1971, by [REDACTED] to replace Minutemen (MM) organization considered defunct in the San Diego area. Organization formed to provide military-type training for self defense, to oppose communism and totalitarian government, and to take over political power in the United States if the present government fails. [REDACTED] considered "Commander" of the SAO at San Diego and other officers set forth. Members of the SAO active in acquiring and possessing firearms and explosives. Tentative arrangements made for extension of SAO with branches at Las Vegas, Nevada; Phoenix, Arizona; and Seattle, Washington. Additional SAO contacts claimed at Portland, Oregon; El Paso, Texas; Los Angeles, California, and in the States of Kansas and Oklahoma. Contact made with [REDACTED] alleged leader of East Coast portion of MM organization and tentative arrangements made for alliance between [REDACTED] group and SAO. SAO has total of 8 members at San Diego, California, with approximately same number of supporters and sympathizers. Number of possible members or supporters at Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Seattle not known. Membership fees for initiation are [REDACTED]

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\$5.00, monthly dues are \$3.00. Other financial information set forth. SAO to publish monthly news and training bulletin and other special bulletins, posters and stickers as need and occasion arises.

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DETAILS: AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. Location of Headquarters

On May 5, 1971, it was reported that [redacted] leader of the SAO, in laying plans for the formation of the organization, wanted it to appear in several cities at the same time. However, the headquarters would be at San Diego, California.

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(SD T-1, May 5, 1971)

On September 13, 1971, it was reported that, in preparation for future organizational work, [redacted] had rented several Post Office boxes in the San Diego area which would be used for this purpose. These included [redacted]

[redacted] which was rented in [redacted] name, and Post Office Box 503, Lemon Grove, California 92045, which was rented in the name of "Artist Supply." It was reported that "Artist Supply" was the name utilized for a mail drop operated by [redacted] former [redacted] (MM) organization.

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(SD T-1, September 13, 1971)

The Minutemen (MM) is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by ROBERT B. DE PUGH in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the

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spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DE PUGH is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

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The Patriotic Party has been the political arm of the Minutemen.

On January 7, 1972, it was reported that the organization has no formal headquarters and that it is operated out of the homes of [redacted] and other members.

Leader of "Secret Army Organization"
(SD T-2, January 7, 1972)

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B. Charter Information

On January 7, 1972, it was reported that the SAO has no plans for formulating charters as such for the parent or subsidiary groups.

(SD T-2, January 7, 1972)

C. Objectives

On May 5, 1971, it was reported that [redacted] was highly interested in forming a new Right Wing group to organize people in various localities and to provide them with military-type training for the purpose of being ready to eventually take over political power in the United States when the present government fails due to oppression or communist influence.

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(SD T-1, May 5, 1971)

On December 20, 1971, it was reported that, in correspondence with another similar group, [redacted] stated that, although the SAO was a new organization with a new name, it

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would continue to adhere to the tenets and principles of the old MM organization.

(SD T-1, December 20, 1971)

On January 7, 1972, it was reported that the SAO intended to conduct intelligence-type operations and to offer training in urban guerrilla warfare to be used against Left Wing groups and suspected enemies of the United States.

A leaflet entitled, "Join the Secret Army Organization" was made available which offered the following statements of purpose:

- 1) To prepare the means of personal defense and survival in case of enemy attack.
- 2) To resist and expose the spread of communist influence and propaganda within our own national boundaries.
- 3) To investigate by means of our own secret memberships the infiltration of communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion and education.
- 4) To resist by any and all means the passage of laws which regulate the private ownership of firearms or which detract from the individual's ability to defend his own family and personal property.
- 5) To promote knowledge and skill in the use of arms by our own members and by the general public.
- 6) To form in advance of actual need a secret underground organization equipped to spy upon, harass and destroy troops of any foreign power that might occupy United States territory.

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7) To lend assistance and support wherever possible to other resistance organizations, domestic or foreign, opposing communist expansion or subversion.

8) To pursue these programs as private citizens motivated only by patriotism and to remain entirely free of government subsidies or control."

(SD T-2, January 7, 1972)

D. Officers

On January 7, 1972, it was reported that, if the organization continues to progress as originally envisioned, it will eventually be operated by a General Staff. This General Staff will be composed of [redacted]

[redacted] with the title of "Commander," and the leaders of various area groups who will hold the title of "Captain." At the present time, such area groups tentatively exist in the following places:

San Diego, California
with the "Captain" being [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] is a former MM and will be Number Two man in the SAO.

Phoenix, Arizona
where the "Captain" will be [redacted]
and his wife. The [redacted] are known MM leaders in the Phoenix area.

Seattle, Washington
where the "Captain" will be [redacted]

[redacted]

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Las Vegas, Nevada
where the "Captains" will be [redacted] and
[redacted] (LNU)

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These individuals allegedly have former connections with the MM organization.

(SD T-2, January 7, 1972)

E. Summary of Overall Activities

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On May 5, 1971, it was reported that [redacted] was continually talking about the plans he was making to start a new organization. According to [redacted] he considered the MM organization to be defunct, at least in the San Diego area and in most of the Western states, and felt the need to organize a new Right Wing group to fill the power vacuum which it had left. He indicated that he knew people in Phoenix, Arizona; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington, and Las Vegas, Nevada, who he wanted to contact regarding such an organization, feeling that they would be highly interested in helping to organize and get it going. He said his plans included having Post Office boxes rented for the new organization in all these cities and having leaflets and stickers regarding the organization printed using the respective Post Office box numbers. On a pre-determined day, press releases would be made in each of these cities announcing the formation of the organization with the leaflets and stickers being put up in the cities on the same day. This would be done for the purpose of disguising the location of the national headquarters, which would be actually located in San Diego, California.

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(SD T-1, May 5, 1971)

On September 13, 1971, it was reported that [redacted] had become very interested in the National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP) as a possible answer to the need for a

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Right Wing group in the San Diego area. He was reportedly studying that organization and considering becoming a member.

(SD T-2, September 13, 1971)

The National Socialist White Peoples Party, also known as The American Nazi Party, American Nazis, and The George Lincoln Rockwell Party, was organized on February 26, 1956, at Arlington, Virginia, based upon the concept of an international "National Socialist" movement as espoused by the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. The organization supports and follows the line of hatred against Negroes, Jews, and communists through various propaganda media seeking a legitimate dominant political party in the United States and foreign countries.

On 9/16
On September 16, 1971, it was reported that, while very interested in the NSWPP, [redacted] was still considering going ahead with plans for the new organization. In addition, [redacted] indicated that he expected to obtain membership lists and the necessary materials for setting up application forms, bulletins and training literature for the new organization from [redacted] wife of [redacted] [redacted] said he would attempt to have the bulletins, training materials, and membership application forms printed in the near future and that, tentatively, the responsibility for making the monthly mail-outs would alternate between [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] advised that [redacted] of [redacted] had agreed to print some of these materials. [redacted] was described as a former MM supporter who had allowed [redacted] to use his printing facilities for the benefit of the west coast MM organization.

Other plans for the new organization included eventually setting up two membership lists which would be recorded on microfilm. One of the lists would be maintained by [redacted] and the other by [redacted]. The purpose in placing

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the membership lists on microfilm was for easy destruction. Two lists were to be maintained to guard against the possibility of one being lost or destroyed.

(SD T-2, September 16, 1971)

On October 8, 1971, it was reported that [] had chosen the name "Secret Army Organization" for his new group. In addition, it was learned [] had had 1,000 copies each of letterhead stationery and membership application forms for the SAO printed up the previous weekend. [] also advised that he, [] and other associates would attend the Annual Yuma Gun Show at Yuma, Arizona, on October 16 and October 17, 1971, at which time he expected contact would be made with people attending the gun show from Phoenix, Arizona, and Seattle, Washington, regarding the SAO.

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(SD T-1, October 8, 1971)

On October 16, and October 17, 1971, [] and [] a prospective member of the SAO residing at [] were in attendance at the Yuma Gun Show. Following the gun show, a meeting was held in a motel room at Yuma, Arizona, with persons in attendance, including the above three individuals and [] and his wife from Phoenix, Arizona, and [] from Seattle, Washington. The topic of discussion was the SAO and those attending the meeting were in general agreement that a new cohesive force was necessary among Right Wing groups as a result of the power vacuum left by the disintegration of the MM organization. [] and [] tentatively agreed to having their respective groups join the SAO subject to the approval of the members of these groups. Copies of printed material of the SAO, including a leaflet entitled, "History of the Secret Army Organization," a copy of the first bulletin of the SAO entitled, "To Prospective Members of the Secret Army Organization," and membership application forms were passed around among the group.

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It was decided that subsequent contacts regarding expansion of the SAO would be made and that the San Diego area

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mail drop for the Phoenix group would be the address of

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a former member of the MM organization.

En route to the gun show, [redacted] automobile had broken down some place in the State of Nevada and it had been necessary for him to hire transportation from there to the gun show. After the gun show, [redacted] drove to Las Vegas, Nevada, accompanied by [redacted] to make contact with people known to him regarding the SAO.

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It was reported that [redacted] who is part American Indian, had abandoned the idea of joining the NSWPP when he learned in late September, 1971, that the NSWPP is adamantly opposed to persons having American Indian blood, considering them to be of an inferior race. It was felt that this fact was responsible for [redacted] decision to finally go ahead and organize the SAO.

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It was also reported that, in addition to the letterhead stationery and application forms, several thousand copies of the history leaflet and the first bulletin had also been printed at the same time as well as a number of stickers advertising for the SAO. The printing of these materials was done by [redacted] on an offset press which she had maintained since the time her husband was in the MM organization. Many copies of these printed materials have been sent out to people known in the past to have been MM members or other Right Wing sympathizers.

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The meeting mentioned in the first paragraph of the history leaflet is actually a disguised reference to the meeting which took place in the motel room at Yuma, Arizona, on October 17, 1971.

(SD T-2, October 20, 1971)

[redacted] returned home from Las Vegas, Nevada, on the evening of October 23, 1971. He stated that the reason for this delay was that he had become very involved in Las Vegas with meeting people and with organizing the SAO indicating

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that arrangements had been made for the group he contacted at Las Vegas to join the SAO. He further advised that arrangements had been made to get insignia patches from [redacted] for the berets that SAO members would be given to wear.

(SD T-2, October 26, 1971)

On October 27, 1971, [redacted] was reported to have advised that [redacted] had gone to El Paso, Texas, from Las Vegas, Nevada, to make contact with people known to him there. [redacted] advised he expected [redacted] to be in San Diego on October 29, 1971, for additional discussions regarding the organizing of the SAO. [redacted] said he also felt the need for him and [redacted] to travel to Phoenix, Arizona, sometime in December, 1971, for the purpose of recontacting [redacted] regarding the SAO.

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(SD T-2, October 27, 1971)

On November 9, 1971, it was reported that [redacted] had spent approximately a day and a half at [redacted] residence discussing the SAO. Resulting from these discussions were tentative plans for a trip during December, 1971, or January, 1972, during which [redacted] and [redacted] would travel through Arizona to El Paso, Texas, following which they would cross the border at Juarez, Mexico, and drive to Mexico City. Returning from Mexico City, they would travel to Las Vegas where the individual named [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) would be picked up and who would then travel with them to Denver, Colorado, and the State of Montana. The purpose of the trip would be to contact people regarding expansion of the SAO and to solicit support for that organization.

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(SD T-2, November 9, 1971)

On December 17, 1971, correspondence was observed at the [redacted] residence from an individual named [redacted] at Silver Springs, Maryland. The correspondence, which

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was addressed to the SAO, indicated that [] was in control of at least part of what was left of the former MM organization on the East Coast. In the letter, [] expressed hatred for ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH, former national leader of the MM organization, and interest in establishing future contact with the SAO. [] also indicated that he corresponded with several individuals in the San Diego area and did not know who had furnished him information on the SAO. According to [], this was done by []. In addition, [] advised he is known to [] by the alias of [].

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A letter replying to the above correspondence from [] which [] had written was also observed. In this letter, [] also expressed interest in making contact with [] group. [] indicated in his letter that, even though the SAO was a new organization with a new name, it would continue to adhere to the tenets and principles of the old MM organization.

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(SD T-1, December 20, 1971)

On December 20, 1971, the SAO distributed several hundred copies of a special intelligence bulletin which it had prepared regarding [] at San Diego State College, and a well-known figure in New Left activities in the San Diego area. The information contained in the bulletin was obtained by the SAO primarily from research of newspaper articles and surveillance of [] activities.

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(SD T-1, December 20, 1971)

On December 29, 1971, it was reported that [] had received additional correspondence from []. In this letter, [] agreed to the formation of an alliance between his group and the SAO. Guidelines which were set up would have [] group in control of Right Wing activities in the East and in the South, while the SAO would operate in the Western states. It was also agreed that the two groups should work on finding an individual in or near Chicago,

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Illinois, to act as coordinator of Right Wing activities in the Midwest area. [] mentioned [] as a good possibility in this regard. [] an SAO member at San Diego, is employed by a national restaurant chain and is expecting to be transferred to the Chicago area in the early part of 1972 to open a new restaurant there. *Calif* *file* b6 b7C

[] In addition, arrangements were made between SAO and [] group regarding the trading of information on individuals of interest to these organizations who reside in each other's areas. Furthermore, it was agreed that members of their respective groups would be transferred from one group to another if they should move to a new area. b6 b7C

[] indicated that his group has microfilming equipment and "secure" messages between the two groups will be transmitted by microfilm as soon as the SAO acquires the necessary equipment.

(SD T-1, December 29, 1971)

[] On December 29, 1971, it was reported that [] will remarry in the near future and, upon doing so, expects to leave the San Diego area. At that time, she will give the offset press, which she has, to the SAO for its use. b6 b7C

[] has been very busy recently preparing the next SAO bulletin. According to what he has said, this bulletin will contain eight pages of technical information dealing with explosives, booby traps and other weapons and will have two pages of general information regarding news, recruiting, and training. b6 b7C

(SD T-2, December 29, 1971)

On January 5, 1972, it was reported that the new SAO bulletin had been printed and was ready for distribution. In addition, [] was reported to have stated that he wanted to b6 b7C

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begin work on a new special bulletin such as the one done by the SAO on [redacted]. However, this time the target of the bulletin would be a nationally-known figure of the New Left Movement.

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(SD T-1, January 5, 1972)

F. Acquisition of Firearms and Explosives

On January 7, 1972, it was reported that most members of the SAO possess several firearms and frequently are armed. Furthermore, members of the SAO are endeavoring to acquire explosives and munitions of all descriptions.

(SD T-2, January 7, 1972)

II. ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL GROUPS

A. Name, Location, and Estimated Membership

On January 7, 1972, it was reported the SAO leadership considers that the organization has groups established at the following locations:

San Diego, California

The group at San Diego controls the State of California and has the same location as the national headquarters. This group has eight members and approximately the same number of prospective members and supporters.

Phoenix, Arizona

The Phoenix group controls the State of Arizona. There are only two individuals, [redacted] and his wife, known at this time, although, allegedly, a larger group exists.

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Seattle, Washington

This group controls the State of Washington and possibly Idaho and Oregon as well.

Contact with only one individual, [REDACTED] is known, although a larger group allegedly exists.

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Las Vegas, Nevada

This group controls the State of Nevada with at least two individuals, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (Last Name Unknown) and possibly more in the group.

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In addition, [REDACTED] has claimed to have two members, names not known, at Carson, near Los Angeles, California, and to have made contact regarding the SAO with acquaintances in the States of Oklahoma and Kansas.

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Furthermore, [REDACTED] has advised that individuals near Redding, California, and in the State of Maryland have written in requesting information on the SAO.

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(SD T-2, January 7, 1972)

B. Officers

On January 7, 1972, it was reported that, for the time being, officers of local groups of the SAO will be the same as those listed for national and state positions of the SAO.

(SD T-2, January 7, 1972)

C. Summary of Activities

It is noted that most of the information regarding activities of the SAO at San Diego has been reported in the

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section entitled "Overall Activities" in order to more easily show the organization and growth of the group.

On January 7, 1972, an article appeared in the San Diego Union, daily newspaper at San Diego, California, and reported that, on the previous evening, a young woman at the residence of [redacted] had been wounded by sniper fire from an unknown assailant. According to the article, stickers regarding the SAO had been placed on the door of [redacted]'s office at San Diego State College earlier that day and [redacted] had allegedly received threatening telephone calls from the SAO. b6 b7C

The article stated that the San Diego Police Department was investigating the incident.

On January 7, 1972, Detective [redacted] Investigative Support Division, San Diego Police Department, advised that a witness at the scene of the shooting incident had described seeing two shots fired from a light blue 1964 Plymouth Valiant automobile. According to [redacted] the individual firing the shots had been described as a white male in his middle 20's, slender build, with dark curly hair and a light, neatly trimmed beard. b6 b7C

On January 7, 1972, it was reported that members of the SAO had indeed placed stickers on [redacted] office door during the day on January 6, 1972. However, it was reported that the description of the vehicle and the assailant as furnished by the San Diego Police Department did not match any known SAO member or vehicle belonging to any SAO member. b6 b7C

(SD T-2, January 7, 1972)

III. FINANCES

On September 16, 1971, [redacted] was reported to have stated that he estimated the monthly operating cost of the organization he had in mind to be approximately \$100.00. b6 b7C

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He further advised that [redacted] of Alex Rapid Print had agreed to do printing for the SAO at cost.

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(SD T-2, September 16, 1971)

On October 8, 1971, it was reported that initiation fees in the SAO would be \$5.00 and that monthly dues of membership would be \$3.00.

(SD T-1, October 8, 1971)

On November 26, 1971, [redacted] was reported to have stated that he had spent \$300 of his own money on printing materials for the SAO and for other expenses.

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(SD T-1, November 26, 1971)

On December 20, 1971, it was reported that the SAO had then spent \$140 on printing its literature. The last bulletin put out by the group had been done at Alex Rapid Print at a cost of \$3.50 for 200 copies. A total of \$16.00 was spent on stamps to mail the bulletin out.

(SD T-2, December 20, 1971)

IV. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

On January 7, 1972, it was reported that present plans of the SAO call for putting out a monthly bulletin for members of the group and for other special bulletins, leaflets, posters and stickers as the need and occasion arises. Future plans call for the eventual publication of a bulletin which will be distributed publicly.

The SAO is presently contemplating using the slogan "We're Everywhere."

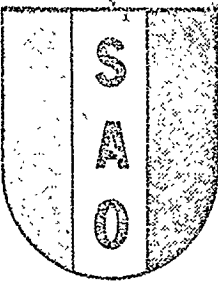
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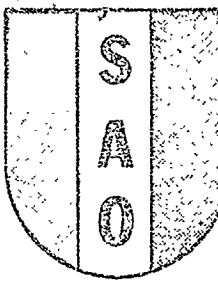
Included at the end of this report as a special section marked "Addendum" is one copy of each piece of literature printed so far by the SAO.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS



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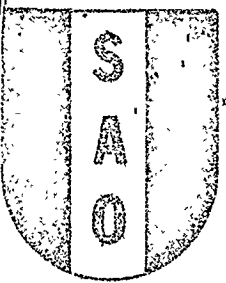
At the request of a mutual friend we are sending you this invitation to join the Secret Army Organization. Those of us who have been members for some time sincerely believe that our organization can be of real value in preserving for future generations the land of freedom and opportunity which our forefathers handed down to us.

It is the belief of our organization that the communist-socialist conspiracy has infiltrated the United States Government to such an extent that the American people cannot rely on this country's elected leaders to protect them from communist domination and slavery.

We believe that the time will come when the American people will have to fight for their lives and their liberty. In this belief, we have formed in advance a secret underground army with but one objective, to defend our constitutional republic and to help our fellow Americans to do the same.

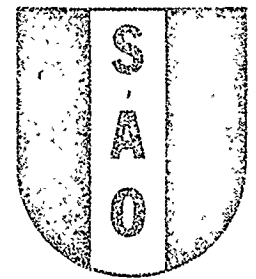
We do not want lukewarm members. We are an organization of people willing to make any sacrifice necessary for our country. If you feel the same way, we invite you to join us.

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Dear Fellow American,

Your letter of inquiry concerning the Secret Army Organization was received a few days ago. We have had so many inquiries during the past few months that it has been impossible to answer each of them promptly with a personal letter.

We certainly appreciate your interest in our organization and we hope you will join us in our battle for national and individual freedom. As you learn more about the Secret Army Organization I'm sure you will come to realize that we are not radicals, but are far more inclined to be quietly dedicated and clear thinking individuals.

Enclosed is some further information about our organization, its history, objectives and programs. After you have given this material careful study, we hope you will use the enclosed application form to join our organization. When sending in your application, do not put your return address or name on the outside of the envelope.

After your membership application has been processed, we would certainly welcome having you work with one of our local units, or better still, help you organize your own unit with our assistance after you have completed preliminary training.

Sincerely yours,

Captain Patrick McDonald
S. A. O. Headquarters Staff

JOIN THE SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

*An organization of loyal Americans
dedicated to the preservation of both
national and individual freedom.*

1. To prepare the means of personal defense and survival in case of enemy attack.
2. To resist and expose the spread of communist influence and propaganda within our own national boundaries.
3. To investigate by means of our own secret memberships the infiltration of communist sympathizers into American organizations of government, business, labor, religion and education.
4. To resist by any and all means the passage of laws which regulate the private ownership of firearms or which detract from the individual's ability to defend his own family and personal property.
5. To promote knowledge and skill in the use of arms by our own members and by the general public.
6. To form in advance of actual need a secret underground organization equipped to spy upon, harass and destroy troops of any foreign power that might occupy United States territory.
7. To lend assistance and support wherever possible to other resistance organizations, domestic or foreign, opposing communist expansion or subversion.
8. To pursue these programs as private citizens motivated only by patriotism and to remain entirely free of government subsidies or control.

The Secret Army Organization is a national organization of patriotic Americans who are preparing themselves as a last line of defense against communism. To exemplify the necessity of such an organization, we quote the 1960 Annual Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities as follows:

"Events of the past year have provided convincing evidence that the American people cannot rely completely on this country's armed forces to protect themselves from communist domination and slavery. This is not because our military forces lack the power or the will to defend this country, but rather because the nature of the attacks being made on the United States by its major and only significant enemy are so designed as to render conventional military forces as ineffective as possible for defense purposes."

Starting from nothing 50 years ago, communism now rigidly controls one-third of the human race and has subverted to varying degrees the remaining two-thirds. In the past 20 years the communists have conquered 20 sovereign nations, one by armed conquest and 19 by internal subversion or negotiation.

There is not one of these countries in which the communists rule by the consent of the people. Everywhere they must perpetuate themselves by terror. They remain in power only through the use of the most brutal police state tactics.

The communists consider their party workers not simply as an accessory to armed conquest but as the actual spearhead of any invasion into new territory. From this point of view the United States was "invaded" by Soviet troops more than 30 years ago. It has been authoritatively estimated that the communists now have an army of 500,000 combatants already landed on American shores and already working by the most insidious means to destroy our American way of life.

The cold war is very real. It must be fought and won. The only alternative is to lose and to lose means that future Americans for generations to come must live in terror and in slavery. Appeasement is futile. We cannot bargain with moral barbarians who never have and never will know the meaning of honesty.

Communism must be defeated, not merely resisted. We must rid our country of traitors and fellow travelers. We must embark on a massive offensive turning every communist trick - from propaganda to infiltration - against our mortal enemy. This is the one and only way to win the struggle for survival.

Send 20¢ in coin or stamps for full information on the Secret Army Organization programs and membership application to: S. A. O., P. O. Box 5791, San Diego, California 92105.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: All information on this form will be kept confidential. All records of members of the Secret Army Organization are stored in a way that they can be swiftly destroyed to keep them from falling into unauthorized hands.

Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Address _____ Marital Status _____
(Street)

State _____ Wife's Name _____

Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

Date of Birth _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Occupation _____ Education _____

Special Subjects Studied _____

Do You Speak or Read Any Foreign Language? _____

Veteran _____ Branch _____ Highest Rank _____

What Service Training Have You Had That You Feel Would Be Beneficial To This Organization? _____

Physical Description: Height _____ Weight _____ Color Eyes _____

Color Hair _____ Health: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

Any Physical Disabilities or Limitations? _____

Any Public Speaking or Organizing Experience? _____ If Yes, Please Explain: _____

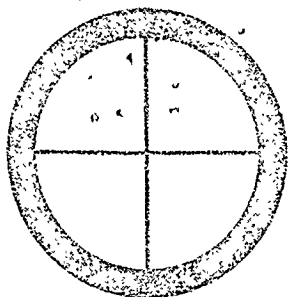
How Many Hours A Week Could You Devote To Working And Training With the S. A. O. ?

Hours _____ Best Time: AM _____ PM _____ Weekdays _____ Weekends _____

CERTIFICATION

I am a loyal American Citizen dedicated to the defense and survival of the United States as a Constitutional Republic, free from all socialist and communist policies. Enclosed is my \$5.00 membership fee. I agree to pay \$3.00 each month to the Secret Army Organization as membership dues.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____



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SPECIAL BULLETIN

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No doubt most citizens of San Diego are aware of the controversy surrounding the activities of San Diego State [redacted] For any of you who are not, here is a brief run down:

[redacted] is a self-proclaimed left wing radical professor out at San Diego State who among other things has been teaching that the communist economic system is superior to our own free enterprise system. That the tax payers have to put with this kind of treason is bad enough, but it does not end there. [redacted] who has a long record of communist activities behind him, has made it his policy to give lower grades to students in his classroom who do not share his left wing views. One of his students was a veteran of the Vietnam War, with a fine combat record. This student was a special target of [redacted] who never missed an opportunity to ridicule and insult this student's beliefs.

A quick look at [redacted] record will show why he hated this student. In 1970 [redacted] record will show 45 days in the pokey for anti-war protesting. This was when he was a graduate student at MIT in Massachusetts. The demonstration that earned him his jail was against defense research conducted on the MIT campus. He was also a member of SDS and a supporter of the Black Panther Party while at Harvard and MIT. It does seem strange that San Diego State was not able to find another professor somewhere who was not a communist jail bird.

For any of our readers who may care to look up this Red Scum, and say hello, here is some information that may help. His address is [redacted] telephone number is [redacted] he drives a dark blue 1968 VW Sedan, California license DKY 147. Just to make sure you talk to the right guy here is his description: he has dark brown shoulder length hair, green eyes, weight is about 160 lbs. and he is 5'10" tall. Now in case any of you don't believe in hitting people who wear glasses, to be fair I guess we will have to tell you he wears contact lenses.

If you do run out to see [redacted] one night here are a few other people you may run into: [redacted] she is [redacted] girl friend and lives at the same address as he. She is a student at San Diego State. She is no doubt the "Teacher's Pet". One can bet she gets good grades. She drives a bronze two door Corvair with the front smashed in, California license KUZ 777. Next comes [redacted] a good friend of [redacted] came from Boston a short time after [redacted] and lives at the [redacted] address too. Next in line comes [redacted] she is [redacted] girl friend and lives at the [redacted] address part of the time. The rest of the time you can find her at [redacted]. She drives a 1965 two door Dodge Dart, number RGH 420. And lastly we come to [redacted] of [redacted] her car is a Plymouth Valiant 1964 light blue, license number HNJ 385. Who's girl friend she is, is your guess.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Diego, California
January 21, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)

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EXTREMIST MATTERS - SECRET ARMY
ORGANIZATION

Reference

Report of SA [redacted]

[redacted] dated and
captioned as above at
San Diego, California

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 1/24/72

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-2179) RUC

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EM - MM
OO SD

Re Bureau letter to Phoenix 11/9/71.

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Indices of Kansas City Office contain no pertinent identifiable information with the Secret Army Organization or individuals mentioned in referenced communication.

The following white hate sources who are generally aware of Minutemen and related activities in the Kansas City, Missouri, area advised on indicated dates they could furnish no information regarding the Secret Army Organization:

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[] 1/4/72
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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/24/72

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-997) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS
OO: SAN DIEGO

Re Las Vegas letter to Bureau 12/6/71, and
Phoenix letter to Bureau, 12/22/71.

All sources and informants cognizant of
Minuteman (MM) activity in the Las Vegas Division
have been contacted regarding captioned organization
with negative results.

Investigation is continuing to determine if

[redacted] is known to be active in
captioned organization. However, it is noted
that all sources cognizant of MM activity were
contacted regarding [redacted] with negative results.

In the absence of further leads or investigation
remaining outstanding Las Vegas is conducting no further
investigation in this case since it does not appear that
SAO is active in Nevada.

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LEADS

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Maintain contact with [] and set forth appropriate leads in the event information is received indicating SAO is active in Nevada or if [] is known to be a member.

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SAN DIEGO DIVISION

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Will through sources determine if SAO is known to be active in Nevada and if [] is a member.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 1/31/72

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-1133) -RUC-

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS
OO: SAN DIEGO

Re Phoenix letters to Bureau, 12/17 and 12/22/71.

[redacted] an associate of [redacted] advised on 1/25/72 that [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] and is self-employed selling coin counting equipment.

During recent contacts with [redacted] there have been no indications that [redacted] is currently connected with any extremist organization. [redacted] agreed to remain alert for and report any information concerning [redacted] possible connection with captioned organization.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE:

1/31/72

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-2815)(P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EM - SAO

Re report of SA [redacted] at San Diego
dated 1/21/72.

CALIF. MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On 1/28/72, [redacted] advised he had learned during conversation that morning with [redacted] leader of the SAO at San Diego, that the organization had received letters from Newsweek magazine at Los Angeles, California, and from the San Diego Evening Tribune, a daily newspaper. These letters requested interviews with officials of the SAO for the purpose of writing articles in subsequent issues of the respective publications. The letter from Newsweek indicated that magazine was in the process of doing an article on Leftist groups in connection with CALREP, had come across the SAO and wished to include an article on it also.

Source advised that [redacted] is agreeable to the interview with Newsweek with the conditions that the meeting between [redacted] and Newsweek is secure and that the SAO Post Office Box number be printed in the article for additional publicity. [redacted] told source he feels an interview with the Evening Tribune would be premature at this time as he thinks the article resulting from such an interview would be too much of a slap in the face for the San Diego Police Department.

San Diego will follow this matter and advise the Bureau of any additional developments.

②-Bureau (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 2/3/72

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1173) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTER

ReBulet 11/9/71; PXlet 12/22/71.

[redacted] of the Thunderbird Motel, 2855 S. 4th Avenue, on 1/13/72, furnished the registration cards for her motel for the month of October, 1971.

These records reflected that a [redacted] occupied Room 12 of this motel for two days starting at 10/15/71 and checked out the morning of 10/17/71.

[redacted] registered from an address of [redacted] and gave a California license number of QNB-857, claiming to have been driving a Ford automobile.

A complete check of the records failed to locate anyone by the name of [redacted] from San Diego; [redacted] from San Diego or a [redacted] from Seattle, Washington; an [redacted] from Phoenix; a [redacted] from Ramona, California; a [redacted] from Las Vegas, Nevada; or a [redacted] from Las Vegas, Nevada.

[redacted] advised however, that she noted on the registration cards that they had a California license vehicle, a Dodge with California license 286 AJO.

This party also came in on December 15, 1971, stayed two days, and left on the morning of 10/17/71.

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[redacted] advised that the only other individual who stayed two days and came in on 10/15/71 was an [redacted] who had Room 22 and gave an address of [redacted]. He gave a license number of 34/ BUS California. There were two persons and one bed in this room. They checked in on December 15, and left the morning of 10/17/71.

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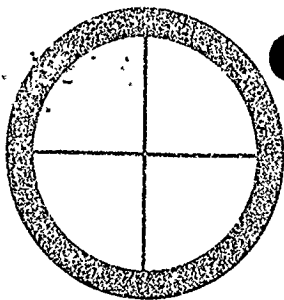
It will be noted that the Kiwanis Gun Show in Yuma, Arizona, started on the evening of 10/15/71, and terminated shortly after noon on 10/17/71.

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[redacted] advised on 1/31/72, that he received an "Underground Bulletin" from the Secret Army Organization by mail out of San Diego on 1/21/72. Two copies of this bulletin are being furnished as an enclosure to the Bureau and to each of the designated offices in this letter.

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The Phoenix Office will maintain contact with [redacted] for information that would identify personalities and activity in this organization.

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

UNDERGROUND BULLETIN

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS — JANUARY 1972

"God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always willing to guard and defend it". Daniel Webster

Fellow members,

This month's bulletin will deal mostly with "Booby Traps". Because of the length of this article we are only sending out the first half this month. The second half will be published in next month's bulletin. Future bulletins this coming year will contain material on psychological warfare, urban warfare tactics, communications, survival equipment, first aid, explosives, weapons, codes, and other related warfare subjects.

Those members who have not yet completed or started on the organization's basic training programs are hereby urged to do so. We cannot, in most cases, assign any member to an important underground project or to an organized team or group until they have completed this training program.

While headquarters cannot assign a member in the above classification to an established unit, any member can (and is encouraged to) recruit and form their own combat team (see December 1971 Bulletin). In many cases this may be the best policy in regards to personal security as the member would be working with the people he personally knows and trusts. If any member would like to form their own unit they should write to their assigned mail drop and the organization will send them further instructions along with a Team Recruiting Packet. The article on "The Dispersed Team" in this month's bulletin should help those members who wish to form their own Combat Team.

We are enclosing a small number of S. A. O. stickers with this month's bulletin. Please put them in your shirt pocket or billfold and as soon as possible stick them up in phone booths, at bus stops, or other public places that you visit. The stickers are already gummed and when wet will adhere firmly to glass, metal, or any other smooth surface. If our members would use these stickers along with the leaflets that are available, it would have a real psychological impact on the rest of the American people and give them evidence that there are still those among them who are willing to fight for the re-establishment of a Constitutional Republic. These first stickers are being sent to each member free, additional stickers and leaflets can be ordered on the monthly report form.

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ENCLOSURE

THE DISPERSED TEAM

When discussing a Secret Army Organization "Combat Team", we usually think of a small group of people who live very close to one another. Such an arrangement has certain advantages, such as ease of communication and travel for collective training and team operations, but there are also several disadvantages.

Among the disadvantages are these: Team members may be well acquainted with only a small geographical area. If forced to leave this area the team may be placed at a serious disadvantage. It is harder for a team of SAO members who live closely together to keep from attracting attention, thus unit security may be poor. If one member of the team is ever discovered and arrested by the enemy, chances are that all members of the team will be rounded up together.

These considerations have caused us to experiment with a new arrangement that we refer to as a "Dispersed Team". Such a team has the same number of members (usually six) as a regular Combat Team. Each team is split into two sections as is the old team. The members have the same type of individual specialties and duties.

The big difference lies in the fact that the team members may be located over a comparatively larger area - perhaps as much as 25 to 50 miles in diameter. In urban areas one team member may live in each of six different cities. Thus the team may range over a fairly large geographical area with at least one team member being familiar with the immediate territory through which they are traveling.

When active as part of an underground movement (as opposed to the classical forms of guerrilla warfare) the Dispersed Team has several other advantages. For example, if one member of the team gets too "hot" in his area, he automatically has five other hide-outs to which he can go for assistance or to which he can send his family for temporary safety. The Dispersed Team can conveniently cover a larger area in the fields of recruiting, psychological warfare, and propaganda. Operations of sabotage, surveillance and harassment of communist personnel, raids, and other combat type operations can be successfully conducted while moving a minimum of people over a minimum distance.

During the present period of deliberate delay the activities of the team will naturally be different from some future period in which all out warfare between our organization and our country's communist enemies develops.

If the team is to achieve its ultimate objectives the following activities must be provided for: (1) organization of and within the team, (2) communications between the team and higher command, (3) maintaining secrecy of team members, (4) maintaining a continuous and effective propaganda effort, (5) obtaining the necessary supplies and equipment for present and future needs, (6) training of the team in general, and of individual members in their own specialties.

When the required personnel are not available to form a full team, a three man section should be formed. When additional people are recruited the unit can then be expanded in an orderly fashion.

BOOBY TRAPS

Broadly defined a booby trap can be any kind of apparatus in which a reaction unfavorable to the enemy is brought about when he unintentionally makes some act which triggers the reaction. The most common types of booby traps used in warfare involve an explosive charge which is set off by movement of a trip wire or the moving of some object which is connected to the trigger mechanism.

On occasion the explosive charge may be replaced by signal flares, gas, smoke or other chemical agents. The trigger mechanism may be either electric, mechanical, thermal or chemical.

ELECTRICALLY OPERATED TRIGGERS. Such trigger mechanisms are very easily arranged wherever a supply of electric blasting caps are available and also a suitable source of electricity. One of the most common electric type booby traps is to simply interrupt the electrical circuit in some building so that when the lights are turned on the explosive is detonated. This simple procedure applied to an automobile with a few sticks of dynamite has marked the end of more than one gangland hoodlum. To booby trap a car in this manner one side of the electric blasting cap can be attached to any metal part of the car while the other side is attached to a spark plug or the "cold side" of the ignition switch. In the first case the cap detonates the dynamite when the starter motor is turned over or if attached to the key switch detonating occurs when the ignition is turned on.

Any movable object can be booby trapped so that when it is moved some simple type electrical switch contact is closed to complete a circuit between a dry cell battery and the detonator. A very simple example would be to have one wire tacked along the edge of a door and the other wire tacked to the frame and extending out far enough that contact is made between the two when the door is opened. A slightly more refined trigger involves two small springs separated by some thin piece of insulation at one end as shown in Figure No. 1. When pressure is applied, the springs are held apart and when the pressure is released, the springs come together to make electrical contact. This may be placed in a door which is then closed to open the switch while the explosive is wired into the circuit. When the door is opened pressure is released and the charge explodes.

This simple trigger can be placed under the leg of a chair, a wooden box or any other movable object of sufficient weight. If the chair is moved or the box lifted the release of pressure will close the electrical circuit.

A person skilled in the placement of booby traps will not leave any part of the switch, wires or charge visible. Instead of

connecting the wires to the door itself he will take off the door frame, place the trigger mechanism at the edge of the door and then replace the frame so that the entire mechanism is hidden when the door is closed.

By taking off the frame of a window and drilling a hole out through the window casing the trigger mechanism can be placed so that the charge will be detonated by either raising or lowering a half open window.

A simple time delay mechanism can be arranged by placing one of these triggers under a glass jar filled with water. When enough of the water evaporates, the weight of the jar will no longer be sufficient to hold the contacts open.

Figure No. 2 shows another simple electrical trigger made from a spring clothes pin. The improvised contacts are held apart by a small wooden wedge in the jaws of the clothes pin. This wedge can be attached to a trip wire or other movable object. When it is withdrawn the clothes pin shuts and the electric circuit is completed.

A trigger of this type can be used to make a time delay mechanism in many different ways. The wedge may be connected by a loose cord to the end of a spring which is also attached to a tin can. Above this a second tin can full of sand or water is placed with a hole in the bottom so that the contents gradually fall through into the second can. When the weight of the lower can becomes enough to stretch the spring sufficiently the wedge will be pulled from the clothes pin. As an alternate method the spring may be already stretched out and held there by a second cord attached to some other solid object. The cord holding the spring could be placed through a candle so that it will be burned in two when the candle burned down a certain distance. An active imagination can devise countless ways for activating this type of trigger either by instant action or delayed action.

A clever derivative of this simple trigger is used in the "British book trap". In this case a book is hollowed out to contain a small battery and a quarter pound block of TNT which is detonated by an electrical blasting cap. The circuit passes through two contacts attached to opposite pages of the book but are held apart by some insulating material which is attached to the back of the bookcase. If the book is withdrawn from the case the contacts come together and the TNT is detonated.

A British ball bearing contact switch is shown in Figure No. 3. This type of contact is very useful in placing charges entirely within a movable object. For example, a suitcase could be laid on its side with the contact positioned inside in such a way that when the suitcase was picked up the ball bearing would roll forward and complete the contact. Similar electrically activated booby

traps could be placed in closed gasoline cans, canteens, ammunition boxes or dozens of other objects which an enemy would place right side up before opening. A plastic or glass test tube could be used instead of a metal case by sticking two wires through the cork in such a manner that the ball bearing would come in contact with both of them.

A surprisingly accurate timing device can be made with a tube of this type. Holding the tube with the open end up, first pour in a quantity of dried peas, then a measured amount of water, drop in the ball bearing (in this case a wad of tin foil could be used as well), finally put the cork in the top with the wire sticking down through. The water will cause the dried peas to swell which will push the ball bearing (or wad of tin foil) up until it makes contact with the two wires to complete the circuit. The time can be regulated from a few minutes to several hours depending on the length of the tube, the amount of water, and the quantity of peas used.

Far more sophisticated types of electrical triggers are manufactured some of which operate by photoelectric cell or even more difficult to recognize mechanisms. These may be used to safeguard record centers, important military or missile bases, etc. but are seldom encountered under battlefield conditions.

MECHANICAL TRIGGERS. These may be operated either by impact or by friction. The ordinary hand grenade employs an impact trigger. When the handle is released a spring operated lever snaps against a cap (similar to the priming cap in a shotgun shell) which in turn starts a short fuse to burn. This fuse leads to a blasting cap centered in an explosive charge.

The trigger mechanism of a "potato masher" hand grenade operates much like the firing pin of a bolt action rifle. In this case a spring activated plunger strikes a detonator. The plunger may be released by pulling out a pin as shown in Figure No. 4, by cutting a wire as shown in Figure No. 5 or by applying pressure to a slotted key as shown in Figure No. 6.

Explosion of the primer cap alone is not sufficient to detonate most military explosives. Generally a booster charge of a fairly sensitive explosive is detonated by the primer and this in turn detonates the main charge. In military use TNT is by far the most common explosive used in the main charge of booby traps. So called "plastic explosive" or "Composition C-3" contains 78 percent RDX and 22% plasticizer made up of mixture of dinitrotoluene, TNT, nitrocellulose and dimethylformamide. RDX is cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine which is manufactured by nitrating hexamethylene tetramine (which is obtained by the reaction of formaldehyde and ammonia).

Booster charges where necessary are usually tetryl or PETN. Common explosives used in primers are lead azide, lead styphnate

or the now largely discontinued mercury fulminate. Characteristics, uses and manufacture of explosives will be dealt with in another chapter.

A very simple device can be made from a screen door spring that will explode an ordinary rifle cartridge when activated by a trip wire. Although the "explosion" is almost harmless it can be very nerve racking to an approaching enemy.

A more deadly booby trap consists of a short piece of pipe which is driven into the ground. A plunger type trigger mechanism is dropped into the pipe and an ordinary rifle cartridge placed point up in the pipe so that perhaps one-half inch is exposed above the ground. The weight of a man stepping on the bullet releases the trigger and fires the cartridge which will penetrate well up into the leg or the body.

Some mechanical triggers are activated by friction just like striking a match on the rough material of the match cover. Figure No. 7 shows a cut-away drawing of the U.S. Army firing device, pull friction type M-2. The coated wire is covered with a gritty substance much like the strip on a book of matches. When this is pulled out through a container of flash compound (chemically similar to the match heads) the friction ignites the flash compound which may be used either to light a fuse or fire a blasting cap.

A crude but effective friction device can be prepared by sticking the end of a fuse in some small cylinder filled with match heads through which is placed a small strip of tin or heavy cardboard with a friction strip from match books glued to both sides.

In field use the friction type ignitor can be hidden in many ways connected with trip wires or attached to movable objects to set off either instant or delayed charges.

THERMAL IGNITORS. In some cases the ignitor, (fuse or primer) can be used as a trigger mechanism. For example in World War II the Germans were known to tear down fireplaces and cement them back together with hidden charges that would ignite when a fire was built. A simple hand grenade or mortar shell hidden in a hollow log by a burned out fire would, of course, explode if the log were used as fuel without being inspected.

A common trick is for a retreating army to leave behind coal oil lamps or lanterns filled with gasoline. An unthinking person who touches a match to such a lantern will nearly always be burned to death.

CHEMICAL TRIGGERS. These are more frequently used in the construction of time bombs than in booby traps. Figure No. 8

shows an Italian chemical delay igniter. The upper chamber contains acetone. When the piercing pin is pushed downward it penetrates the lead disc and allows the acetone to flow into the lower chamber. The acetone gradually dissolves the celluloid washer which holds back the striker. The time delay can be varied by placing different numbers of cellophane washers on the striker rod.

In several similar types of delayed mechanisms the striker is held back by a thin metal wire which is gradually dissolved when a solution of acid is allowed to surround it.

Other types of delay mechanisms may be constructed where a liquid is allowed to drop through a small hole into a lower container having a reactive substance attached part way up one wall. The liquid level in the chamber gradually raises until it comes in contact with the reactive substance which is the igniter. One suitable combination is sulfuric acid for the liquid and a mixture of potassium chlorate and sugar for the solid. Another suitable combination is plain water for the liquid and metallic sodium for the solid. There are many other combinations which a chemist might improvise from materials at hand.

There are some explosives so sensitive that they can be used as trigger mechanisms. Ammonium tri-iodide can be made from ordinary household ammonia and iodine crystals. If the iodine crystals are not available they can be obtained by evaporating sufficient volume of tincture of iodine in a flat glass dish.

Place two or three teaspoons of iodine crystals in a piece of kleenex and wet thoroughly with strong ammonia solution. A small amount of ammonia may be added from time to time making certain that it does not have the chance to dry out. After three or four tablespoons of ammonia solution have been absorbed and partly evaporated from the iodine it can be left to dry out. While wet ammonium tri-iodide is reasonably safe to handle. When dry, it is so sensitive that it detonates at the slightest touch. It may be exploded by a person walking on a wooden floor several feet away or a door being closed in the same building. The amount described above will produce a violent explosion and should be treated with extreme caution. Several similar compounds will be mentioned in the chapter on explosives.

One or two teaspoonsful of mercury fulminate of silver fulminate mixed (very gently) with ten percent coarse sand can be placed in a small packet of paper and attached to the upper side of an automobile tire with adhesive tape. When the tire rolls over it the fulminate will explode with sufficient power to destroy even a husky truck tire. These combinations also are very dangerous to handle.

READY MADE BOOBY TRAPS

All national armies are supplied with a variety of manufactured trigger devices, charges, etc. to be used specifically as booby trap material. Most firing devices are threaded on one end with a standing size that allows them to be used either with prepared charges or with improvised charges made from mortar or artillery shells. Figure No. 9 shows a simple firing device attached to a hand grenade.

An antipersonnel mine of French manufacture is shown in Figure No. 10. The apparatus at the left side is a trigger mechanism that can be operated by a trip wire. When it is fired the flash passes through the "U" tube which propels a 60mm grenade into the air and at the same time ignites a 1/5 second delay pellet. The grenade explodes a few feet off the ground to shower metal fragments over a wide area. Total weight of mine is 5-1/2 pounds.

Guerrilla bands have sometimes used artillery shells or mortar shells in demolition work by placing them in a large pile of wood or other combustible material and building a bond fire around them until they exploded. For booby traps use, however, the projectile of an artillery shell is the only part of any value. Useful sizes include 75mm, 90mm, 105mm, and 155mm. In those artillery shells where the projectile is attached to the case, it is generally best to remove the projectile and discard the case. Artillery shell projectiles may be fused either in the nose or in the base. For most efficient use, the regular fuse must be unscrewed and a standard firing device (M10 Universal destructor) put in its place.

IMPROVISED BOOBY TRAPS

Standard hand grenades can be used alone in booby traps in a number of methods. The simplest is to carefully remove the handle and wedge the grenade between two heavy objects strong enough to hold the spring in the cocked position.

Another trick is to cover a hand grenade with wet mud with just the safety pin ring sticking out. After the mud has hardened, it will hold the handle in place and the safety pin ring can be withdrawn. These harmless looking clumps of mud scattered along a dirt road will, of course, break open when hit by an automobile tire which will release the handle and fire the grenade. A similar trick is to place grenades in glass jars tight enough to hold the handle in place when the safety pins are withdrawn. At night these may be strung on a wire across a road and may not be seen by a car traveling at night with its lights off. When the bottles break the grenade handles are released and they soon explode.

It seems doubtful that man's ingenuity will ever be exhausted when it comes to improvising traps of various types. A rusty nail stuck to a board left where it will be stepped on by a running enemy may be just as deadly to that one individual as an atomic bomb. Open pits (sometimes with sharp stakes at the bottom) covered with flimsy camouflage is much older than the bow and arrow, but were still used by the Japanese in World War II.

"Dead falls" made from heavy tree limbs that fall when a victim releases them by tripping over a jungle vine can still be useful in guerrilla warfare.

Leaving behind poisoned food or bottled drinks is common. Alcoholic drinks are easily diluted with wood alcohol (temporary type antifreeze) equal to 1/4 their content of ethyl alcohol without detection. A total intake of 2 or 3 ounces will cause blindness or death in a few hours. Soft drinks can be easily poisoned with ethylene glycol (permanent type antifreeze) at the rate of 2 ounces per bottle. This dose is usually fatal and once symptoms develop there is no known antidote.

When five parts of potassium permanganate is mixed with one part of powdered sugar it forms a combination that will either explode (if confined) or burn with a flash if ignited in the open. A new idea might be to put three or four tablespoonsful of this material in an ash tray covered with a thin dust of cigarette ashes. The first person to put his cigarette out in that particular ash tray would be burned bad enough to be out of commission for quite some time. Black powder, if available, would actually explode if used in this way.

USE OF BOOBY TRAPS

It is obvious that the use of booby traps favors an army in retreat, and one of their greatest uses is to slow down pursuit. For most efficient use the laying of booby traps must be done in a planned and coordinated method. When time permits the entire area to be booby trapped should be reconnoitered and the placement of available material planned in such a way as to confuse the enemy, impede his progress and cause maximum number of casualties.

Generally speaking a large number of small booby traps are preferred to a few large ones. Two or more triggers may be attached to a single charge. Variety of types and settings is essential to effective use of booby traps in large numbers.

In the event that friendly troops or your own personnel may re-enter such an area later on, it is desirable that a written record and detailed maps be kept as to where booby traps are placed. When U.S. Army troops discover a place that is booby trapped they mark it with a sign which consists of a red triangle

pointed downward with a white circle in the middle and the word booby traps painted in white across the top.

When anti-vehicle mines are placed by regular army forces it is common practice to booby trap the mines so they will explode when being removed by personnel attempting to clear the area.

The use of booby traps is very adaptable to both guerrilla and counter-guerrilla activity. Guerrilla warfare involves two basic types of action: ambushes and raids. When the guerrillas ambush regular army forces, they are the ones that will make use of the booby traps. In raiding an enemy garrison or supply depot they must beware of booby traps that the regular forces have placed to protect their fixed positions.

The ambush may start when the leading vehicle of an enemy column strikes a mine or drives on to a bridge which is dynamited. Perhaps time delay booby traps activated by the first vehicle in the column may be used to destroy other vehicles several positions behind. Troops riding in a truck convoy may be expected to seek cover in ditches beside the road or other points of natural protection. If these ditches have been booby trapped beforehand, they will be killed in the very process of seeking shelter.

Before making any raid on a fixed enemy position, guerrilla forces should carefully consider the potential danger of booby traps. When regular army forces are being harassed by guerrillas they may be expected to leave supplies badly needed by the guerrillas in slightly protected warehouses as traps. These supplies may be heavily booby trapped and counter guerrilla forces may be waiting a short distance away to take pursuit. To guard against these things, the guerrilla should attempt to keep their target under surveillance for several hours or days before making the raid. They should observe the coming and going of enemy personnel. If the enemy is very careful to always come and go by the same route it may mean that other routes are booby trapped. If the supplies are not added to or taken from regularly, this may indicate that they are being used to bait a trap. By scouting the general area guerrilla forces should guard against surprise by other enemy forces waiting within danger distance.

After making either a raid or an ambush, guerrilla forces should place booby traps behind them to slow up pursuit. Real booby traps can be interspersed with imitation traps. To be safe the enemy will have to go around or de-activate the imitations and take just as much time doing so as if they were real. If the enemy becomes careless in handling your imitation traps, he will run the danger of getting killed by a live one. In planning the path of their retreat guerrilla forces should booby trap alternate routes which enemy forces might use to cut them off.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 2/25/72

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1173) (P)

SUBJECT: *SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION*
EXTREMIST MATTERS

Re Phoenix let to Director, 2/3/72.

There are enclosed to the Bureau six (6) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) incorporating pertinent material from re Phoenix letter of 2/3/72. Two copies each of the LHM being designated for auxiliary offices.

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The confidential informant mentioned in the LHM is ~~The LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL to protect the identity of the above source who is of continuing value and whose exposure could be detrimental to the national defense.~~

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The Phoenix Office will maintain contact with above source for information which would identify personalities and activities in above organization.

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

On January 31, 1972, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made "under-ground bulletin" material available concerning captioned organization. This material bears the date, "January 1972." The material has been photocopied and is made a part of this memorandum.

The source advises that the leader of the above organization is one [redacted] from San Diego, California, who attended a gun show at Yuma, Arizona on October 15 through October 17, 1971. Investigation at Yuma, Arizona develops that one [redacted] occupied Room #12 of the Thunderbird Motel in Yuma, Arizona, starting from October 15, 1971 to October 17, 1971. At that time, he recorded that he was driving a Ford vehicle bearing California license QNB-857 and that his residence was at [redacted]

Source advises that the Secret Army Organization is a new paramilitary group that has been formed in California to replace the Minutemen organization. It is composed of ex-Minutemen under the direction of [redacted] of the San Diego area.

The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by Robert B. DePugh in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DePugh is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

The Patriotic Party has been the political arm of the Minutemen.

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TO: DIRECTOR (157-23577)

FROM: SAN DIEGO (157-2815) 3P

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO), EXTREMIST MATTER - SAO.

ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SEVENTY TWO, A SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO) MEMBERSHIP AT SAN DIEGO IS UNHAPPY WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP, MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION SAO LEADER AT SAN DIEGO, HAS PREPARED A POSTER WHICH HE INTENDS TO HAVE PRINTED AND THEN DISTRIBUTED IN SEVERAL AREAS IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS POSTER WILL HAVE THE WORDS "WANTED FOR TREASON" IN LARGE LETTERS ACROSS THE TOP AND BELOW IT WILL BE A PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT NIXON FOLLOWED BY HIS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND LAST KNOWN RESIDENCE ADDRESS,

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PRESUMABLY THE WHITE HOUSE. THE POSTER WOULD CONCLUDE WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT NIXON SHOULD BE IMPEACHED AND TRIED FOR TREASON BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

SOURCE ADVISED THE POSTERS ARE TO BE PRINTED ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN SEVENTY TWO AND SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED IN TIME TO APPEAR ON THE STREETS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE, SEVENTY TWO. SOURCE SAID DISTRIBUTION IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, AND WASHINGTON, D.C., AND POSSIBLY LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. A TOTAL OF FIVE THOUSAND COPIES WILL BE PRINTED. SOURCE SAID HE EXPECTS DISTRIBUTION OF THE POSTERS WILL BE MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON BY [REDACTED] FORMER MINUTEMAN (MM) MEMBER AND SAO CONTACT; AT WASHINGTON, D.C., BY [REDACTED] RIGHT WING LEADER AND SAO CONTACT AT SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND; AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA BY [REDACTED] FORMER MM LEADER AND SAO CONTACT; AND AT LOS ANGELES AND LAS VEGAS BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS. H 112

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POSTERS ARE TO BE PRINTED BY [REDACTED] WIFE OF
A FORMER WEST COAST MM LEADER, AND SUPPORTER OF SAO ON
A PRESS BELONGING TO HER. U.S.A.

THE SAO AND THE MM ARE ULTRA CONSERVATIVE PARA MILITARY
ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY.

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SOURCE REFERRED TO ABOVE IS [REDACTED]

|| AIRMAIL COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION BEING DISSEMINATED
TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

FOREGOING INFORMATION FURNISHED TO SPECIAL AGENT

[REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE, SAN DIEGO, ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN,
INSTANT, BY SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]

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NO ~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS, HOWEVER MATTER WILL BE CLOSELY FOLLOWED.

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MR. TRAINOR
ROOM 712-A 9&D

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/16/72

Attached pertains to information furnished by an extremist informant to the effect that the Secret Army Organization (SAO), a recently formed ultraconservative, paramilitary organization in California, intends to distribute posters containing photograph of President Nixon with words "Wanted for Treason" in large letters.

According to source, these posters will be distributed in Arizona, California, Washington, Washington, D. C., and possibly Nevada.

Copy of attached being furnished Internal Security Division, Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department, and Secret Service.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 3/8/72

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1173) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS
OO: San Diego

There are enclosed to the Bureau six (6) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) which is self-explanatory. Two copies of the LHM are being designated for San Diego, Sacramento, Kansas City; and one each for information for Las Vegas, Seattle, Detroit and Baltimore. One copy each of this LHM is being disseminated locally to U. S. Secret Service and the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division for information.

~~The LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL in order to protect the confidential source who is of continuing value and whose exposure could be detrimental to the national defense.~~

The confidential source PX T-1 is [redacted]

LEADS:

THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Will search California license plates 99704-F and YES-494 through records of the California Motor Vehicle Division to establish the registered owners of these license plates.

THE PHOENIX DIVISION

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Will maintain contact with [redacted] for information concerning the activities of the SAO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona
March 8, 1972

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)

On March 7, 1972, Confidential Source PX T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that five members of the Secret Army Organization (SAO) met a second time at the fairgrounds at Yuma, Arizona on February 25 and 26, 1972, incidental to the gun show which was in progress there, as sponsored by KIWANIS. Those who met together were [redacted] also known as [redacted] [redacted] also known as [redacted] and one other unknown person. California vehicles bearing license plates 99704-F and VES-494 were noted as belonging to this group.

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At the meeting, [redacted] discussed the Republican National Convention which will be held in San Diego this year and which could be beset with problems from dissident groups with intent to disrupt the convention. In this connection, [redacted] spoke in terms of having an SAO training session some time before the convention for the purpose of preparing to control and counter dissident elements in the event the latter should get out of hand.

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Source advised that the SAO is confining its recruiting efforts to the Rocky Mountain States, but that the group has established contact with former Minutemen in Michigan and Maryland.

Source, who is familiar with the political philosophy of the Minutemen, advised that the training material being used by the SAO is Minutemen material with an SAO caption to it; that, however, the political philosophy of the SAO is somewhat nebulous and in the formative stage. Source explained that the SAO appears to be playing down the anti-communist fight

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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RE: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)

and to be injecting themselves into any political matter which they deem to be un-American or fraught with political intrigue. In this connection, the SAO has produced a Wanted Flyer captioned, "WANTED FOR TREASON-NIXON" wherein the SAO depicts President Nixon with photograph as a criminal for having gone to China to "form an alliance with another gang of criminals, the Red Chinese." A copy of this flyer is being made a part of "this memorandum.

The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by Robert B. DePugh in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DePugh is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

The Patriotic Party has been the political arm of the Minutemen.

Two printed items of SAO organizational material captioned, "Organizational Correspondence to Members" and "Security Classification Guidelines" were also furnished by source and are made a part of this memorandum.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

SUBJECT: Organizational Correspondence To Members (Outline)

1. Letter To Prospective Member
History Of The Secret Army Organization
To Prospective Members Of The Secret Army Organization
Membership Application Form
Join The Secret Army Organization Leaflet (one)
2. Identification Number & Mail Drop Letter
Practical Security Measures
The Combat Team
3. Training Program Letter
Preliminary Training Lesson
 - a. Join The Secret Army Organization Leaflets (5)
4. Intelligence Training Program
 - a. Book "Guerrilla" By Charles W. Thayer
5. Security Training Program
 - a. Practical Security Measures
6. Propaganda Training Program
 - a. Join The Secret Army Organization Leaflet
 - b. How To Organize An Underground Army Leaflet
7. Recruiting Training Program
 - a. Prospect Data Forms (5)

Special Instructions:

The above order should be followed in sending out the listed materials. Extra material such as organizational bulletins on Weapons, Personal Equipment, and Booby Traps should be sent to the new members to fill in spaces between the regular correspondence. The member should also be sent each new monthly bulletin. Our main concern during the Correspondence Phase will be in keeping up the interest of the new member until we can contact them personally, or put them in contact with other members. The best way to do this is to keep them busy with printed material.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES - PERSONNEL STATUS RATINGS

- NOVICE** - Classification for new members who have not proven themselves or completed any of the Basic Training Programs.
- TRAINEE** - Classification for those members who have completed at least one of the Basic Training Programs or performed some other routine operation.
- MEMBER (D)** - Classification for personnel who have been members for a period of at least six months but have not completed the Basic Training Programs or taken part in any but routine operations.
- MEMBER (C)** - Classification for members who have completed the Basic Training Programs, but have not taken part in "Special Operations".
- MEMBER (B)** - Classification for members who have not completed the Basic Training Programs, but have proven themselves by taking part in "Special Operations".
- MEMBER (A)** - Classification reserved for members who have completed their Basic Training Programs and taken part in "Special Operations". All members in this classification should automatically rate the rank of Sergeant.
- LEADER (D)** - Classification for Team Leaders who have not proven themselves or organized their units to the excepted level. Team Leaders in this classification should be assigned the rank of Second Lieutenant.
- LEADER (C)** - Classification for Group Leaders who have proven themselves and organized their units to the proper level. Team Leaders in this classification should be assigned the rank of First Lieutenant.
- LEADER (B)** - Classification for Group Leaders who have not proven themselves or organized their units to the proper level. Group Leaders in this classification should be assigned the rank of First Lieutenant.
- LEADER (A)** - Classification for Group Leaders who have proven themselves and organized their units to the excepted level. Group Leaders in this classification should be assigned the rank of Captain.
- DIRECTOR** - Classification for Network Leaders. All personnel assigned this classification must have proven themselves beyond any doubt. All Network Directors rate a rank of at least Captain.
- COORDINATOR** - Classification for Regional or State Leaders. All personnel in this classification must have proven themselves beyond question. Coordinators rate a rank of at least Captain.

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To: SAC, San Diego (157-2815)

From: Director, FBI (157-23577)

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

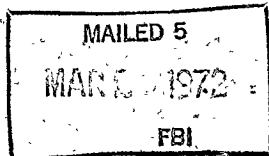
1 - [REDACTED]
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1 - Mr. W. C. Patterson

Disruptive acts during the Republican National Convention in San Diego being planned by SAO leader [REDACTED] and discussion by SAO leaders in Yuma, Arizona, recently about preparations to control and counter dissident elements at the Convention should they "get out of hand" clearly indicate the necessity for intensifying the investigation of SAO and individual members. Extremist informants and sources are to be targeted toward identifying all members and leaders of this group as well as details of any disruptions planned during the Republican National Convention. Insure information regarding such disruptions are promptly submitted in accordance with Bureau instructions contained in Bureau airtel 11/2/71 entitled "Demonstrations During the Forthcoming Political Campaign."

San Diego as office of origin is to set out necessary leads to identify officers and members of SAO chapters determined forming in other field divisions. Investigations of individual members of SAO are to be promptly handled and reported so that a determination can be made as to whether they present a threat to the internal security and their potential for violence. Reportedly, most SAO members have firearms and some members in January, 1972, were attempting to obtain dynamite.

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Airtel to San Diego

Re: Secret Army Organization (SAO)

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You should be alert during these investigations to possible violations of Federal antiriot statutes as well as Federal gun laws. Information being developed during the investigations concerning possible criminal violations may subsequently be utilized during prosecutive action as evidence and should be developed and preserved accordingly.

Submit by airtel names of all individuals identified as SAO members and current status of investigations.

NOTE:

The SAO, an ultraconservative, paramilitary organization, was clandestinely formed during the Fall of 1971 in Arizona. Membership has been small and they use much of the same training material as the Minutemen. Several involved in SAO were formerly Minutemen. In view of their plans for disruptive activity during the Republican National Convention, it is necessary to swiftly identify the leaders and members as well as details of the disruptive activities.

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To: SACs, Las Vegas (157-997)
Los Angeles
Phoenix (157-1173)
San Diego (157-2815)
Seattle

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From: Director, FBI (157-23577)

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS
BUDED: 5/19/72

ReSDairtel 4/11/72.

Referenced airtel sets forth data available to an informant of the San Diego Division pertaining to SAO efforts to organize chapters and recruit members in territories of the various field divisions. This group, which has several former members of the Minutemen and uses literature similar to that formerly used by the Minutemen, has indicated it plans to cause disruptive actions at the Republican National Convention in San Diego in August, 1972.

Recipient offices, except Las Vegas, are to initiate investigations of SAO to identify the leaders and members in the various chapters and to determine their activities and objectives. Active investigations of individual members are to be opened to develop background information and to determine the extent of their involvement with SAO. These investigations are to receive prompt investigative attention in view of the organization's apparent intent to cause disruptions at the Republican National Convention. Consideration should be given to an early interview after appropriate

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Airtel to Las Vegas, et al.
Re: Secret Army Organization (SAO)
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authority is received to determine their informant potential and whether they present a threat of violence. Las Vegas should be alert for information regarding the formation of an SAO chapter within its territory, and upon receipt of such information, immediately advise the Bureau and initiate an investigation in line with the above instructions.

Phoenix, Los Angeles and Seattle are to submit results of investigations in form suitable for dissemination regarding SAO to reach Bureau no later than 5/19/72. In cover communications list names of members and whether investigation being conducted. Also include statement whether sufficient informant coverage of SAO is available, and if not, what corrective steps are being taken.

San Diego reopen investigations of those members named in referenced airtel which have been closed in order that their activities can be followed.

In view of the efforts to recruit new members, San Diego and recipient offices should take advantage of this opportunity to increase informant coverage so that a more complete analysis of this group can be made. San Diego, particularly, should expand its informant coverage so that all SAO members can be identified and advance plans for violence can be determined.

NOTE:

The SAO is an ultraconservative, paramilitary organization clandestinely formed during the Fall of 1971 in Arizona. The organization, which is headquartered in the San Diego territory, has confined its organizational efforts to the Rocky Mountain states. Estimated membership is approximately 40. Several former Minutemen are members and they use much of the same training material as the Minutemen. Immediately investigation is necessary to identify members and plans of this group as [redacted] SAO leader and organizer, plans disruptive action at Republican National Convention.

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Date: 4/11/72

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-2815)(P)SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel to San Diego dated 3/30/72.

For the information of receiving offices, in referenced Bureau airtel, the Bureau instructed that, because of plans being made by the SAO involving the possibility of disruptions at the 1972 Republican National Convention to be held in San Diego, extremist informants and sources are to be targeted toward identifying all members and leaders of this group and to determine details of any plans for disruptive activities during the convention. Investigations of individuals members of the SAO are to be promptly handled and reported so that a determination can be made as to their potential for violence and whether they present a threat to the internal security of this country. Criminal violations, especially of the Federal Anti-Riot and Federal Firearms Statutes, are to be watched for.

The following is a list of known members of the SAO together with other supporting and background information as furnished by [redacted] on 4/11/72:

San Diego, California Area



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- ② - Bureau
2 - Las Vegas (157-997)
2 - Los Angeles
2 - Phoenix (157-1173)
2 - Seattle
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Special Agent in Charge

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Where cases are shown to be closed, previous investigation of these individuals has reflected they do not meet the necessary criteria for inclusion on the ADEX.

Source advised that based on statements made by [REDACTED] leader of the SAO at San Diego, he believes [REDACTED] may have several other individual members of the SAO in the San Diego area who are not known to source. Source explained that each person [REDACTED] in official or leadership position in the SAO is encouraged to recruit members on his own who generally would not have become known to other people in the organization. In this regard he advised [REDACTED] recently claimed that a new SAO member was recruited through [REDACTED]

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This individual was described to source, and was a retired military man, who recently completed training in insurance investment and is to begin work soon with a large insurance company in the San Diego area.

Los Angeles, California, Area

Source advised that according to [] one [] has recently joined the SAO and is allegedly assisting [] in his attempts to organize the SAO in the Los Angeles, California, area. Source said that according to [] [] was formerly associated in the Los Angeles area with the National Socialist American Workers Party (NSAWP) under [] but left that group. [] claimed [] has allegedly recruited another SAO member whose name is not known to the source. Furthermore, [] claims to have three additional SAO members in the Los Angeles area, one who resides at Carson, California, and another who is supposed to move to the State of Oregon in the near future. The identities of these three individuals are not known to the source.

Seattle, Washington, Area

Source advised that according to [] and another individual named (FNU) [] are allegedly members of the SAO in that city. [] claims [] has recruited additional members for the organization there.

Phoenix, Arizona, Area

Source advised that an individual named [] at Phoenix, Arizona, is allegedly a member of the SAO. Source said [] claims that the largest single group of SAO members is supposed to be located at Phoenix under the direction of [] Source said [] has indicated that SAO recruiting literature which is distributed in Arizona has its own separate Post Office Box number in the San Diego area, this number not being known to the source. Mail received at this post office box is picked up by [] and sent, sealed to [] for his use.

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In addition, [] claims that the individual who was formerly leader of the Bishop Faction of the American Nazi Party at Phoenix, Arizona, and one of his associates, have joined the SAO and sent a full year's dues at one time. This first individual was also alleged to be State Director for the State of Arizona for [] group, the NSAWP. According to [] these individuals left the NSAWP in order to join the SAO.

Las Vegas, Nevada, Area

Source advised he is not exactly sure what is happening with regard to the SAO at Las Vegas, and added [] has indicated he thinks he will have to make another trip to Las Vegas in order to get things going well there for the SAO.

Source advised that the SAO appears to have been receiving a considerable quantity of mail from several places in the United States, but primarily from the Western states. He said most membership fees and dues have been sent by money order and that [] has a business establishment located in El Cajon, California, which will allow him to cash these money orders signing any name to them he wishes.

Source said that as a rough estimate he would guess that approximately 40 membership applications have been received so far by the SAO. He said he felt the identities of many of these may never come to his attention.

LEADS

All receiving offices are requested to alert appropriate informants and sources of information to the SAO to identify actual and potential members of this organization. Thereafter, individuals identified should be promptly and thoroughly investigated to determine their potential for violence and disruptive activities during the Republican National Convention.

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LOS ANGELES

Will identify [] and his associates to determine whether they may be involved in the SAO.

PHOENIX

Will determine the size of any SAO group being operated by []. Will also attempt to identify the former American Nazi Party leader and his associate who have allegedly joined the SAO.

SEATTLE

1. Will determine the nature and size of any group being operated by [] and determine the extent of its affiliation with the SAO.

2. Will attempt to identify (FNU) [] apparently an associate of []

SAN DIEGO

1. Will follow and report activities of the SAO in the San Diego area.

2. Will attempt to identify additional members of the SAO, including the retired military man supposedly recruited by []

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. E. S. Miller *EM*

FROM *Scy PR*

SUBJECT SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS

1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
DATE: 4/25/72

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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of receipt of letter from Robert C. Mardian, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, 4/21/72, which requested any additional information regarding plans of the ultra-conservative, paramilitary Secret Army Organization (SAO) to disrupt the forthcoming Republican National Convention in San Diego and to obtain approval to send attached teletype directing recipients to submit requested information.

was formerly active in the Minutemen in San Diego area and in the Fall of 1971 formed the SAO with headquarters in San Diego area. The SAO is composed currently of approximately 10 members in Phoenix and San Diego. Members of the group have a past history of stockpiling weapons and explosives and have discussed plans to disrupt the Republican National Convention. These plans basically consist of counterdemonstrations to those by antiwar and revolutionary groups. made mention of planning a sophisticated alibi to cover any bombing or terrorist act in which he may engage during the Convention.

San Diego informant has furnished extensive information received from alleging possession or access to explosives and weapons including three cannons of Civil War vintage and one under construction. This information to date has not been corroborated. AAG Mardian has requested any additional data developed regarding plans to disrupt Republican National Convention and regarding illegal possession of weapons and explosives by or members of SAO.

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller
Re: Secret Army Organization
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In view of potential for violence of SAO and disruptive plans for Republican National Convention, investigations of this group and its members have been intensified and investigating offices instructed to be alert for violations of Federal antiriot statutes and Federal gun laws.

San Diego and Phoenix Divisions being instructed to recontact informants to obtain any additional data regarding plans of SAO members to disrupt Republican National Convention and information regarding whether [] is presently manufacturing, selling or in possession of any illegal weapons, explosives or explosive devices. Results, along with any corroborating information developed, are to be furnished by 5/1/72.

ACTION:

That attached teletype to Phoenix and San Diego containing instructions in line with above be approved.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Clyde A. Tolson
Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : *fw. 30*
Special Assistant
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Senator Paul Fannin

DATE: *May 8*

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The attached material from Senator Paul Fannin, his constituent, concerning the "Secret Army Organization" is forwarded to you for your consideration. I am also attaching a copy of our reply to Senator Fannin.

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SAC, Phoenix (157-1173)

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

Enclosed are a letter from [redacted] Special Assistant, Internal Security Division, dated 5/3/72, captioned "Correspondence from Senator Paul Fannin"; letter dated 5/3/72 from A. William Olson, Acting Assistant Attorney General to Senator Paul Fannin; letter from Senator Fannin, dated 4/12/72, to [redacted] and letter from [redacted] dated 4/3/72, to Senator Fannin, which had as enclosures three items published by the SAO.

Review of Bureau files concerning [redacted] indicates she was formerly a panel source of the Phoenix Division (Phoenix file number [redacted]).

Unless your files contain information which would preclude such action, contact [redacted] for any additional information she may have regarding the SAO. Furnish Bureau and San Diego results of interview. Pertinent information should be furnished in an LHM. MAILED 11

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NOTE:

Enclosures indicate [redacted] received the unsolicited material from the SAO and forwarded it to Senator Fannin, who in turn furnished it to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice informed Senator Fannin this matter was being referred to the FBI for its consideration. The SAO is an ultraconservative, paramilitary organization clandestinely formed during the Fall of 1971 in Arizona. Its membership is small and much of the training material as well as the ideology follows that of the Minutemen. Several members of the SAO were formerly Minutemen.

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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

May 3, 1972

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Honorable Paul Fannin
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your recent referral of a letter from [redacted] and your reply to that letter concerning an organization calling itself the "Secret Army Organization."

The "Secret Army Organization" is apparently a paramilitary group with headquarters in San Diego, California. The organization is currently mailing unsolicited material of the type which [redacted] received. While the nature of this group and the materials they are publishing are offensive to a vast majority of Americans, groups such as this are guaranteed the right to organize and publish their views under the First Amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing freedom of speech and of the press. However, I hope you will assure [redacted] that where evidence is developed which reflects a violation of Federal law, the Government will take the appropriate action.

We are referring the material which [redacted] sent to you to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its consideration.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us. We are returning your enclosure herewith.

Sincerely,

A. WILLIAM OLSON
Acting Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

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United States Senate

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April 12, 1972

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending me on the material received by you from the Secret Army Organization. In my opinion this is the worst type of material that can be circulated. It accomplishes no good purpose, but is capable of doing terrible harm.

I am sending this material to the FBI with the request that the group be investigated for possible criminal prosecution.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Fannin
United States Senator

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cc: Department of Justice
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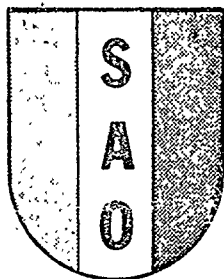
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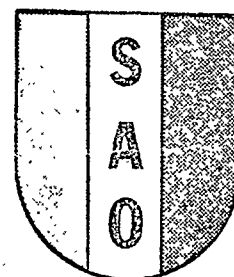
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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS



FROM: S. A. O. HEADQUARTERS

TO: FELLOW PATRIOTS

Greetings:

You may or may not have heard of the Secret Army Organization. In the past many patriotically oriented para-military groups have come and gone. Today the leadership of the S. A. O. is made up of those men who have weathered the storm of opposition and are more dedicated than ever to fighting the socialist parasites that are trying to enslave America.

If you care to join us we would welcome your application. However, we solicit your aid in any way that you can help. Your name has been coded so that you may contact us in a secure manner. Just use the coupon below or use the code number on it.

Sincerely yours,

Captain Jordan Wells

S. A. O. Headquarters Staff

Mail To: S. A. O.

P. O. Box 5791

San Diego, California 92105

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Code Number _____

- ☐ Please send membership information and application form.
- ☐ I wish to contribute \$_____ to help with the fight.
- ☐ I will help distribute literature, posters, leaflets, etc.
- ☐ I wish to be removed from your mailing list.

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Dear Senator Fannin -

This file was sent to me last week. In case you haven't seen it before, am sending it on to you. I hate to think they have my name on their list but I don't want to correspond with them at all. Do you know anything about this group?

Sincerely

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NIXON

DESCRIPTION

FULL NAME: Richard Milhous Nixon. DATE OF BIRTH: January 9, 1913 at Yorba Linda, California. FORMER OCCUPATIONS: Used car salesman, law clerk, second rate congressman, and mediocre Vice President. PRESENT OCCUPATION: Professional liar and double crosser (part time employment as United States President). WEIGHT: 170 pounds. EYES: brown. HAIR: black. HEIGHT: 5'11". RACE: White. NATIONALITY: Claims American citizenship but actions prove this unlikely. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C. (Rumored to have a California hideout.)

CRIMINAL RECORD

RICHARD NIXON (alias Cry-Baby Nixon, alieas Tricky Dicky) is an expert in disguises and has successfully passed himself off as an anti-communist in the past. He may again try using this disguise if pressed for votes in 1972. Saying one thing, then doing the opposite is Nixon's MOA. While he campaigned in 1968 on a platform of curtailing socialism he has in fact done more to establish a socialistic dictatorship than either of the last two Democrat administrations. His economic policies have continued to enrich Big Industrialists while rising prices and higher taxes have all but reduced the average worker to a state of financial slavery. This criminal has even made vicious attacks on small children (forced busing to acheive "racial balance") and has caused the destruction of local school systems. WARNING: Nixon suffers from an EMPEROR COMPLEX and becomes extremely dangerous when criticized.

CAUTION

Trickery and deceit are Nixon's trade-marks. At the present time Nixon and his chief henchman HENRY (CZAR) KISSINGER are engaged in forming an alliance with another gang of criminals, the Red Chinese. The RED CHINA GANG have slaughtered an estimated fifty million of their own people since coming to power. This Godless horde of barbarians killed thousands of Americans in the Korean War (shooting captured soldiers and starving and torturing prisoners of war). The RED CHINA GANG have been supplying the NORTH VIETNAMESE BANDITS with weapons and bullets to kill American soldiers in another no-win war in Vietnam. The very fact that Nixon is dealing with these ARCH ENEMIES OF FREEDOM is enough to convict him of treason. DO NOT LET THIS CRIMINAL STEAL YOUR FREEDOM. DEMAND HIS ARREST BY PROPER AUTHORITIES AND HIS TRIAL FOR THE CRIME OF HIGH TREASON.

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Secret Army Organization

Memorandum

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 21, 1972

FROM: *ACM* Robert C. Mardian
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT:
Secret Army Organization

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Felt
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Miller, ES
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Casper
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Davis
Mr. Cleveland
Mr. Ponder
Mr. Bates
Mr. Wickert
Mr. Walters
Mr. Smith
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

We note from your letterhead memorandum dated March 8, 1972 from Phoenix, Arizona, that and other members of the Secret Army Organization met in Yuma, Arizona, and discussed preparations for the forthcoming Republican National Convention in San Diego, California. It is also noted from the report of SA dated March 8, 1972 in San Diego, California, that viewed the convention as "his big chance to do something that would be remembered;" and further that he had planned a sophisticated alibi to cover any bombings or other terrorist activities that he may engage in during the convention.

In this connection, it is requested that we be advised as expeditiously as possible of any further developments in plans for the convention including his acquisition of any weapons or explosives.

The report of SA also contains additional information from sources SD T-2 and SD T-3 pointing out that said that he had ready access to illegal weapons and explosive materials. This report further advised that Davis had purchased \$500 worth of M-2 Carbine parts in May, 1971 for the purpose of making M-2 "enforcers," that in September, 1971 had a cache of several hundred pounds of explosives including TNT, C-4, and rifle grenades and further that his group was in possession of three operational Civil War field artillery pieces with a fourth under construction.

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It is requested that your sources be re-interviewed to determine if [] is presently manufacturing, selling or in possession of any illegal weapons, explosives or explosive devices. It is further requested that any information you may acquire confirming such activities be furnished this office as expeditiously as possible.

With regard to the cannons noted above, it is requested that you determine their caliber and present location, including the weapon reportedly under construction in January, 1971.

Acting Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

May 3, 1972

Acting Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
(Attention: [redacted])
1 - Mr. T. J. Smith
(Attention: [redacted])
1 - Mr. R. P. Finzel
1 - Mr. W. C. Patterson

np.
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EXTREMIST MATTERS -
SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS

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Reference is made to the letter of Robert C. Mardian, former Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, dated April 21, 1972.

Confidential informants, who have previously furnished information regarding plans of [redacted] and members of the Secret Army Organization (SAO) to engage in disruptive activities at the forthcoming Republican National Convention in San Diego, were recontacted April 26, 1972, regarding latest developments in these plans. One informant indicated that SAO leaders appear to have had second thoughts regarding appearing at the Republican National Convention and that they have said they are going to stay out of San Diego during the Convention to preclude any incident that could be attributed to the presence of the SAO which would discredit the organization. Another informant reported there were no recent developments in the plans of [redacted] and the SAO and that due to the time interval until the Republican National Convention plans had only reached the speculation or discussion stage. This informant indicated actual plans and activities of the SAO would depend greatly on the nature of conditions existing during the Republican National Convention, such as the number of dissident demonstrators, riots, and police retaliation. 157-23577

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The above letter mentions that the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 8, 1972, at San Diego, California, entitled [redacted] ~~Extremist Matters~~

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Acting Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Secret Army Organization," sets forth information from sources SD T-2 and SD T-3 regarding [] having access to illegal weapons and explosive materials. It was requested these sources be reinterviewed to determine if [] is presently manufacturing, selling or in possession of any illegal weapons, explosives, or explosive devices. It was further requested that the caliber and present location of four Civil War artillery pieces, one which was under construction, be determined. b6 b7C

Our San Diego Office utilized SD T-2 and SD T-3 in the above report to further conceal the identity of one informant. This informant was recontacted on April 26, 1972, and stated [] is not presently known to be manufacturing or selling firearms or explosives in violation of Federal or California laws. Informant claims approximately six months ago [] was observed in possession of a fully automatic AR-18 rifle, .223 caliber, which was received that same day from [] [] advised informant this weapon was altered to fire semi-automatic only. Its present location is not known. b6 b7C

On or about March 20, 1972, the informant observed [] receive a fully automatic M-2 Carbine, .30 caliber, from [] [] The source observed the fully automatic fire control lever on this weapon and claims Davis assured him this rifle was also altered to fire semi-automatic only. This carbine is maintained in [] bedroom at his residence, [] b6 b7C

On September 28, 1971, the informant observed [] in possession of two blocks of C-4 plastic explosive, weighing two and one-fourth pounds each; about four pounds of TNT in one-half- and one-pound blocks; and about two pounds of HPD primers in one-third-pound blocks. Informant claims these items were last seen approximately April 1, 1972, at the residence of SAO member [] b6 b7C

[REDACTED]

Acting Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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On April 26, 1972, the informant furnished the location of three Civil War type cannons and stated he had been told about the fourth one but did not know its location. On April 27, 1972, Special Agents of the FBI observed two Civil War style cannons on the premises of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] One cannon, obviously homemade, had a barrel approximately two feet in length, with about a two-inch bore, and was maintained on a small, old Navy style four-wheel carriage. The second cannon appeared to be an original Civil War cannon with about a three-foot barrel and having about a three-inch bore. This ranch is owned by [REDACTED] who is not a member of the SAO but is politically sympathetic and friendly with [REDACTED]. A third cannon was observed by Special Agents in the back yard of SAO member [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This cannon had a barrel approximately four feet in length with about a four-inch bore and was mounted on a homemade two-wheel carriage.

The informant stated he understands these cannons are legal under both state and Federal law.

On April 28, 1972, [REDACTED] Special Investigator, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division, Department of the Treasury, San Diego, California, advised his office had no knowledge regarding the previously mentioned [REDACTED] stated that the above three cannons are legal under Federal law but thought they might possibly have to be registered to be legal under California law.

The informant, who has furnished information regarding weapons and explosives and activities of the SAO, has stated on several occasions he will not testify against [REDACTED] and other SAO members and associates for fear of his life.

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Acting Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Investigation is continuing to determine additional activities of [] and the SAO. Corroborating information is being sought, particularly with regard to the aforementioned automatic rifles and explosives. The results of that investigation will be furnished you.

NOTE:

The SAO is an ultraconservative, paramilitary organization, that was clandestinely formed during the Fall of 1971 in Arizona. Membership has been small and much of the training as well as the ideology follows that of the Minutemen. Several involved in SAO were formerly Minutemen. Information was previously furnished the Department regarding disruptive activity planned at the forthcoming Republican National Convention in San Diego and also regarding past activities of SAO leader [] acquiring or possessing firearms and explosives. Above-mentioned letter requested most recent developments regarding SAO plans to disrupt Republican National Convention and information regarding [] acquisition of weapons and explosives.

~~Classified "Confidential" as information emanated from informants furnishing information on a continuing basis, unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the Nation.~~

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM PHOENIX (3P)

[REDACTED] EXTREMIST MATTERS - SAO (BUFILE: ONE ZERO ZERO -
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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO), EXTREMIST MATTERS (BUFILE: ONE
FIVE SEVEN - TWO THREE FIVE SEVEN SEVEN).

PX T-ONE ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYSIX SEVENTYTWO THAT DURING
HIS CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
IN FEBRUARY, SEVENTYTWO, [REDACTED] ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED],
AND ONE [REDACTED] POSED THE QUESTION TO AN SAO GROUP AS TO
WHAT MEASURES COULD BE TAKEN BY THE SAO TO COUNTER DISRUPTIONS
BY REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.
THIS QUESTION WAS NEVER DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH, BUT IN THIS
CONNECTION ONE MEMBER SUGGESTED THAT OLD JUNK-TYPE CARS BE
PARKED AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS WHERE, IN THE EVENT OF CONFRONTATION
WITH DISSIDENT ELEMENTS, THE SAO MEMBERS COULD HAVE ACCESS TO
NECESSARY WEAPONS HIDDEN IN THE CARS. SINCE THE TIME OF THE
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ABOVE DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, SAO LEADERSHIP APPEARS TO HAVE HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER BECAUSE THE LATTER HAVE BEEN HEARD TO SAY THAT THEY ARE GOING TO STAY OUT OF SAN DIEGO ENTIRELY DURING THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE ANY UNTOWARD INCIDENT THAT COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE PRESENCE OF THE SAO AND REBOUND TO THE DISCREDIT OF THE SAO.

INFORMANT ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN PRESENT WHEN SOURCES OF WEAPONS MAY HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE SAO, BUT STATES THAT HE IS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT LEADERS OF THE SAO HAVE ATTENDED GUN SHOWS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, NOTABLY AT YUMA, ARIZONA, ON OCTOBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, SEVENTYONE, AND AGAIN AT YUMA ON FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE, TWENTYSIX, SEVENTYTWO AND AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA ON MARCH TWENTYFIVE, TWENTYSIX, SEVENTYTWO.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

LHM BEING SUBMITTED. REFERENCE BUTEL, APRIL TWENTYFIVE SEVENTYTWO.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-ONE IS

THIS COMMUNICATION CLASSIFIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF SOURCE WHO IS OF CONTINUING VALUE TO INTERNAL SECURITY OF UNITED STATES. PHOENIX FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN-ONE ONE SEVEN THREE.

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TO SACS SAN DIEGO
PHOENIX

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. T. J. Smith
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1 - Mr. W. C. Patterson

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EXTREMIST MATTERS - SAO (BUFILE: ONE ZERO ZERO DASH FOUR FIVE ONE FIVE FIVE FOUR).

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO), EXTREMIST MATTERS (BUFILE: ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO THREE FIVE SEVEN SEVEN). BUDED: MAY ONE NEXT.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AAG) ROBERT C. MARDIAN, INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BY LETTER DATED APRIL TWENTY-ONE LAST REFERENCED PHOENIX LHM DATED MARCH EIGHT LAST CAPTIONED "SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION" AND SAN DIEGO REPORT DATED MARCH EIGHT LAST CAPTIONED AS ABOVE WITH REGARD TO PREPARATIONS BEING MADE BY AND OTHER SAO MEMBERS FOR FORTHCOMING REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO.

AAG MARDIAN REQUESTED THAT SOURCES BE RECONTACTED AND HE BE ADVISED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN

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[REDACTED] PLANS FOR DISRUPTING THE CONVENTION AND ALSO REGARDING ACQUISITIONS OF WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVES BY [REDACTED] AND OTHER SAO MEMBERS. ABOVE LETTER MENTIONED THAT IN SAN DIEGO REPORT [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY CLAIMED ACCESS TO ILLEGAL WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL INCLUDING THREE OPERATIONAL CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY PIECES WITH A FOURTH UNDER CONSTRUCTION. IT WAS REQUESTED OUR INFORMANTS BE REINTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] PRESENTLY MANUFACTURING, SELLING OR IN POSSESSION OF ANY ILLEGAL WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. IT WAS FURTHER REQUESTED WE FURNISH THE CALIBER AND LOCATION OF THE THREE CIVIL WAR FIELD PIECES INCLUDING THE ONE REPORTEDLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN JANUARY, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE. ALSO REQUESTED WAS ANY INFORMATION ACQUIRED CONFIRMING SUCH ACTIVITIES.

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PHOENIX CONTACT [REDACTED] REGARDING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN ACQUIRED IN LINE WITH ABOVE.

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SAN DIEGO CONTACT [REDACTED] REGARDING [REDACTED] ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION OF WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES AND EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL IN LINE WITH THE ABOVE. ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION WHICH WOULD CORROBORATE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE INFORMANT REGARDING THE ABOVE.

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TELETYPE TO SAN DIEGO AND PHOENIX

RE: [REDACTED]

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PHOENIX AND SAN DIEGO SUTEL PERTINENT RESULTS IN FORM
SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION NO LATER THAN MAY ONE NEXT.

NOTE:

See memorandum [REDACTED] to Mr. E. S. Miller,
dated 4/25/72, captioned "Secret Army Organization, Extremist
Matters," prepared by WCP:aso.

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Date: 4/27/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577) (100-451554)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (157-1173) (P)

[REDACTED]
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EXTREMIST MATTERS

OO: SAN DIEGO

ReButel, 4/25/72.

There are enclosed to the Bureau six (6) copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned matter, under date of April 27, 1972.

Confidential informant PX T-1 in the LHM is [REDACTED]

~~This LHM is being classified "confidential" to protect the identity of this informant who is of continuing value to the internal security of the U. S.~~

The Phoenix Office will pursue the matter with informant to learn of any concrete plans of the SAO in connection with possible confrontations at the Republican National Convention in San Diego this year.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Phoenix, Arizona
April 27, 1972

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

PX T-1 advised on April 26, 1972, that during his contact with members of the Secret Army Organization (SAO) in February, 1972, [redacted] also known as [redacted] and one [redacted] posed the question to an SAO group as to what measures could be taken by the SAO to counter disruptions by revolutionary groups at the Republican National Convention. This question was never discussed at great length, but in this connection, one member suggested that old junk-type cars be parked at strategic locations where, in the event of confrontation with dissident elements, the SAO members could have access to the necessary weapons hidden in the cars. Since the time of the above discussion, however, SAO leadership appears to have had second thoughts on the matter because the latter have been heard to say that they are going to stay out of San Diego entirely during the Republican National Convention in order to preclude any untoward incident that could be attributed to the presence of the SAO and redound to the discredit of the SAO.

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Informant advised that he has not been present when sources of weapons may have been discussed by the SAO, but states that he is aware of the fact that leaders of the SAO have attended gun shows at every opportunity, notably at Yuma, Arizona, on October 15, 16, 1971, and again at Yuma on February 25, 26, 1972, and at Phoenix, Arizona, on March 25, 26, 1972.

Source advises that the Secret Army Organization is a new paramilitary group that has been formed in California to replace the Minutemen organization. It is composed of ex-Minutemen under the direction of [redacted] of the San Diego area.

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by Robert B. DePugh in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DePugh is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona
April 27, 1972

Title **SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION**

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Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as
above at Phoenix, Arizona.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-451554) (157-23577)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-2315)

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re
[REDACTED] EXTREMIST MATTER - SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

EXTREMIST MATTER

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ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FACT THAT EXTREMIST
ACTIVITIES AND POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES BY [REDACTED]
WERE INVESTIGATED DURING THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN SEVENTYONE UNDER
THE CAPTION, [REDACTED]
BOMBING MATTER". IN THIS MATTER [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DISCUSSED
THE BOMBING OF OFFICES OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND
THE ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS DIVISION (ATFD) IN RETALIATION
FOR ARRESTS OF SOME INDIVIDUALS AT A GUN SHOW. CERTAIN EXPLOSIVES
IN THE POSSESSION OF [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME WERE OBTAINED BY A SOURCE
OF INFORMATION OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) AT
SAN DIEGO, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DISPOSED OF. DEVELOPMENTS IN
THIS MATTER WERE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH THE UNITED STATES

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ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AT SAN DIEGO AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT NO SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION COULD BE BROUGHT AGAINST [] AND [] BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

ON APRIL TWENTY SIX, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, THIS SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN THE PAST, ADVISED NO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN PLANS BY [] AND THE SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO), A RIGHT WING, PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION AT SAN DIEGO, FOR DISRUPTIONS DURING THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION (RNC). THE SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO THE TIME INTERVAL UNTIL THE ADVENT OF THE RNC, SUCH PLANS HAD ONLY REACHED A SPECULATION OR DISCUSSION STAGE. FURTHERMORE, ACTUAL PLANS AND ACTIVITIES BY THE SAO WOULD DEPEND GREATLY ON THE NATURE OF CONDITIONS EXISTING DURING THE RNC I.E., NUMBER OF NEW LEFT DEMONSTRATORS, RIOTS, POLICE RETALIATION, ETC.

THE SOURCE HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT SEVERAL CANNONS OF A TYPE SIMILAR TO THOSE USED IN THE CIVIL WAR MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY [] AND HIS

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ASSOCIATES. ON APRIL TWENTY SIX, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, THE SOURCE STATED THAT TWO OF THESE ARE MAINTAINED IN THE FRONT YARD OF THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AREA. THIS RANCH IS OWNED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOT A MEMBER OF THE SAO, HOWEVER, HE IS POLITICALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH AND FRIENDLY WITH [REDACTED] THE SOURCE IS NOT SURE HOW READILY AVAILABLE THESE WEAPONS MIGHT NOW BE TO THE SAO. A THIRD CANNON, PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS BEING UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IS NOW COMPLETE AND IS LOCATED IN THE BACKYARD OF SAO MEMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

THE SOURCE ADVISED HE WAS ONLY TOLD OF EXISTENCE OF THE FOURTH CANNON AND DOES NOT KNOW THE OWNER OR LOCATION. THE SOURCE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THESE WEAPONS ARE LEGAL UNDER BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.

THE SOURCE STATED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, [REDACTED] IS NOT PRESENTLY MANUFACTURING OR SELLING FIREARMS OR EXPLOSIVES IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL OR CALIFORNIA LAW. THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AGO HE OBSERVED [REDACTED] IN POSSESSION OF A

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FULLY AUTOMATIC AR EIGHTEEN RIFLE IN POINT TWO TWO THREE
CALIBER WHICH WAS RECEIVED EARLIER THE SAME DAY BY [REDACTED] FROM
ONE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SOURCE OF THE AR EIGHTEEN IS NOT KNOWN BUT RUMOR IS
THAT HE HAS CONTACT WITH A STOCKHOLDER OF THE MANUFACTURER,
ARMALITE COMPANY, AND HAS ALSO HAD AR ONE EIGHT ZERO RIFLES
(LEGAL CIVILIAN VERSION OF AR EIGHTEEN) FOR SALE WHEN NO ONE
ELSE COULD GET THEM.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
THE SOURCE COULD NOT OBTAIN THE SERIAL NUMBER.

ON OR ABOUT MARCH TWENTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, THE
SOURCE OBSERVED [REDACTED] TAKE DELIVERY OF A FULLY AUTOMATIC
M DASH TWO CARBINE IN POINT THIRTY CALIBER FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHO IS KNOWN TO SOURCE AS A TRAFFICKER IN FIREARMS
AND OTHER ITEMS OF QUESTIONABLE LEGALITY. THE SOURCE OBSERVED
THE FULLY AUTOMATIC FIRE CONTROL LEVER ON THE WEAPON BUT WAS
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NOT IN POSITION TO OBTAIN SERIAL NUMBER. THE SOURCE ADVISED HE IS SURE [] STILL POSSESSES THE A R EIGHTEEN RIFLE BUT [] CLAIMS THIS WEAPON IS NOW "STASHED" AND ITS LOCATION NOT KNOWN TO SOURCE. SOURCE SAID [] MAINTAINS M DASH TWO CARBINE IN BEDROOM AT HIS RESIDENCE []

[] HOWEVER, [] []

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[] THAT CERTAIN PARTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM BOTH RIFLES SO AS TO CAUSE THEM TO FIRE SEMI-AUTOMATIC ONLY.

ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, INSTANT, [] OBSERVED BY SOURCE IN POSSESSION OF ABOUT TWO BLOCKS OF C-FOUR PLACTIC EXPLOSIVES WEIGHING TWO AND ONE QUARTER POUNDS EACH, ABOUT FOUR POUNDS OF TNT IN ONE HALF AND ONE POUND BLOCKS, ABOUT TWO POUNDS OF HPD PRIMERS IN ONE THIRD POUNDS BLOCKS, SOURCE KNOWS OF NO LEGAL BASIS FOR POSSESSION OF ITEMS BY [] SOURCE ADVISED THESE ITEMS WERE LAST KNOWN BY HIM TO BE LOCATED AT RESIDENCE OF SAO MEMBER

[] AND WERE SEEN THERE BY SOURCE AS LATE AS APPROXIMATELY FIRST OF APRIL, SEVENTYTWO.

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ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, SPECIAL AGENTS OF FBI AT SAN DIEGO, USING A SUITABLE PRETEXT, OBSERVED TWO CIVIL WAR STYLE CANNONS ON THE PREMISES OF THE [REDACTED] ONE CANNON, OBVIOUSLY HAND MADE OR HOME MADE, HAD A BARREL APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET IN LENGTH WITH ABOUT A TWO INCH BORE AND WAS MOUNTED ON A SMALL FOUR WHEEL CARRIAGE OF AN OLD NAVY STYLE. THE SECOND CANNON APPEARED TO BE AN ORIGINAL CIVIL WAR PIECE WITH ABOUT A THREE FOOT BARREL HAVING ABOUT A THREE INCH BORE.

A THIRD CANNON WAS OBSERVED BY SPECIAL AGENTS THE SAME DAY IN THE BACKYARD OF THE [REDACTED] RESIDENCE BY DRIVING UP A DRIVEWAY COMMONLY SHARED BY THREE HOUSES. THIS GUN HAD A BARREL OF APPROXIMATELY FOUR FEET WITH CLOSE TO A FOUR INCH BORE AND WAS MOUNTED ON A HOME MADE TWO WHEEL CARRIAGE.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO, [REDACTED] SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR, ATFD, SAN DIEGO, ADVISED NEITHER HE NOR HIS OFFICE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING [REDACTED] OR HIS ACTIVITIES.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE THREE CANNONS ARE LEGAL UNDER FEDERAL

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LAW BUT THOUGHT THEY MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE TO BE REGISTERED TO BE
LEGAL UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW.

SOURCE HAS STATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HE WILL NOT TESTIFY
AGAINST [REDACTED] AND OTHER SAO MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES FOR FEAR OF
HIS LIFE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE.

REBUTEL TO SD APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

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AGENTS OBSERVING THE THREE CANNONS ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN,
LAST, WERE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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THE PRETEXT USED AT GUNSMOKE RANCH WAS INQUIRY AS TO
LOCATION OF "DEER PARK LODGE."

SAN DIEGO WILL INITIATE INVESTIGATION REGARDING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WILL ALSO CONDUCT OTHER ADDITIONAL
INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL WEAPONS AND
EXPLOSIVES BY [REDACTED] AND OTHER SAO MEMBERS.

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LHM FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 5/17/72

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-2815) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS
OO: SD

Re Bureau airtel to Las Vegas, 4/18/72.

Investigation at Seattle, Washington, has failed to reflect any information of an active SAO. Investigation has determined that [redacted] has been actively involved as a gunsmith and a "gun nut" and is known to associate with a [redacted] who is also considered a "gun nut" by the local office of ATFD. Recent information has been obtained concerning the backgrounds of these individuals and due to the special assignments case agent is currently preparing an appropriate communication for dissemination which will be forthcoming in the very near future.

Whereas the Seattle Office has had numerous special assignments in the hijacking field as well as New Left matters, Buded of May 19, 1972, necessitates a reasonable extension of time to prepare this matter properly.

- ② - Bureau (REG)
2 - San Diego (157-2815) (REG)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 5/18/72

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-7318) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

Re San Diego airtel to Bureau, dated 4/11/72, and Bureau airtel to Las Vegas, Phoenix, San Diego, Seattle, and Los Angeles, dated 4/18/72.

Transmitted herewith to the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned organization.

One (1) copy of this LHM is being disseminated to Secret Service, Los Angeles, in view of the plans of the organization to use disruptive tactics during the 1972 Republican Convention.

Sources utilized in the attached LHM are as follows:

Source One
Source Two
Source Three
Source Four



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AT CARSON, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will contact local law agencies for any possible information on the Secret Army Organization.

(2) Will contact confidential sources in Los Angeles for any further information that may be available on the Secret Army Organization or possible activities of [redacted]

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will contact [redacted] for possible information on [redacted] and the Secret Army Organization.

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3 - Los Angeles
(1 - 157-656)

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ADMINISTRATIVE

According to sources that have been contacted, there is no Secret Army Organization (SAO) in the Los Angeles area, and investigation thus far, has failed to disclose any associates or friends of [] that could be connected with [] as a possible organizer of the SAO in the Los Angeles area. Several confidential sources are in a position to ascertain information about this organization should it become organized and active in Los Angeles. Contacts with these sources will be maintained for possible information on the SAO.

[] is currently undergoing investigation as to his possible connection with the Secret Army Organization (SAO) and possible affiliation with the National Socialist American Workers Party (NSAWP).



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
May 18, 1972

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS

Source One, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 28, 1972, that there is no information available that such an organization as the Secret Army Organization exists in the Los Angeles area. Source added that there has been no past information of such a group.

On April 28, 1972, Source Two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he could furnish no information on the Secret Army Organization or on an individual by the name of [REDACTED]. Source advised the SAO is unknown to him.

On May 15, 1972, Source Three, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had no information on the SAO or on [REDACTED], or on its possible organization in the Los Angeles area.

SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
Source Four, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has previously advised that one [REDACTED] has recently joined the SAO and is allegedly assisting [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Leader of the SAO in San Diego, California, in [REDACTED] attempts to organize the SAO in Los Angeles. Source advised that [REDACTED] had formerly been associated with the National Socialist American Workers Party (NSAWP), but he had left the group. Source said [REDACTED] claimed that [REDACTED] had recruited another SAO member, but could furnish no name. Further, [REDACTED] claimed there had been three additional members recruited in the SAO, one from Carson, California, but identities were not known.

The NSAWP, Post Office Box 11146, Santa Ana, California, was organized in the spring of 1971. According to the NSAWP, the white race and western civilization face the prospect of eventual destruction at the hands of the Jewish and Marxist "enemies". The organization intended to follow the "great example of ADOLF HITLER and so make it possible a new era of a truly advanced Aryan civilization." The NSAWP publishes a leaflet entitled "ATTACK!" and is headed by [REDACTED]

The following were checked in the Los Angeles area and all advised they could locate no record of the SAO or [REDACTED]

Credit Bureau,
Voters Reg.
Los Angeles PD

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

On May 1, 1972, records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were checked by SC [] and they failed to show any information on the SAO but did reflect a record for []

Name
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Sex
Race
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Social Security
Account Number
Occupation
Marital Status
Drivers License
Number

[Redacted]

[] had been arrested on March 8, 1969, for drunk driving and his bail had been set at \$308.50.

The arrest record did not set forth any friends or associates of []

On February 25, 1972, []

[] advised that [] lives at []

[] was interviewed previously in connection with another official Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) matter. She described [] as a male, Caucasian, about sixty years of age, five feet ten inches tall, heavy build, and that he has no steady employment. [] did not, at that time, furnish any known associates or friends of []

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 6/8/72

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1173) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

ReBulet, 5/12/72.

[redacted] was interviewed at her home on 6/7/72, concerning the printed descriptive material which she received in the mail in April, 1972, from the Secret Army Organization (SAO). This printed material included a "Wanted for Treason" poster with President RICHARD NIXON as the subject.

[redacted] advised that she does not know anything about the SAO and does not know who could have mailed the material to her. She noted that the material bore headquarters address in San Diego, California. She stated that in political circles she is known as a "conservative" and, consequently, she receives a lot of trash mail such as the printed material in question, which she mailed to Senator PAUL FANNIN of Arizona.

In the absence of pertinent information warranting an LHM, none will be submitted. The material in question was the subject matter of an LHM from the Phoenix Office on 12/21/71 and 3/8/72.

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- 1 - San Diego (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Phoenix

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Memorandum

TO : BUREAU (157-23577)

DATE: 5/24/72

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-2815)(P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS
(OO: San Diego)

Enclosed for the Bureau's perusal are 2 copies of a San Diego area weekly newspaper, the Valley Grove News, dated May 3, 1972 and May 10, 1972, containing articles regarding the SAO.

[redacted] identified those present during the interview as follows:

"Contact"
"Spectacles"
"Walkie Talkie"

Source pointed out that the article is written in a rather lurid style and added that much of the information in the article furnished by [redacted] is only propaganda designed to impress the reporter and the readers of the paper. He further noted that the second installment of the article appears to be incomplete as it is not continued on page three as indicated.

The papers need not be returned to San Diego.

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2 - San Diego

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 5/31/72

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1173) (P)

LHM declassified by 4417 on 4/28/76
appropriate office & agency
advised by R/S 4/28/76 EFG/14

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

ReBuairtel, 4/18/72; PXairtel, 4/27/72.

There are enclosed to the Bureau herewith
sk copies of an LHM pertaining to captioned matter.

[redacted]
[redacted] He advises, as pointed out in the LHM, that the SAO is proceeding cautiously in Arizona in order not to assimilate any eccentric people who could rebound to the discredit of the SAO in terms of being a patriotic organization. In this connection, he has mailed SAO literature to many "conservative" thinking people in the state, but has not yet received executed applications or inquiries from anyone who could be trustworthy to the basic principles upon which the SAO would like to operate.

[redacted] states that as of this date, he does not have a nucleus or chapter of SAO in Arizona around which to build. He is acquainted with many of the dissident elements of the former Minutemen organization and, consequently, is not accepting them. He states that he is investigating people at this time before answering their inquiries.

[redacted] has furnished completed SAO application forms from the following individuals whom he is investigating:

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

- 2 - Bureau (Encl.-2) (RM)
 - 2 - San Diego (Encl.-2) (RM)
 - 3 - Phoenix
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1 cc - SS

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[redacted]
[redacted] advised that communications other than applications have been received by SAO from the following individuals:

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[redacted]
The Phoenix Office has opened recent files on only those above who are not known to the Phoenix Office. [redacted] in addition to [redacted] is currently furnishing information to the Bureau concerning the SAO. [redacted] above, who is the subject of Bureau file [redacted]

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[redacted] is one of the members of the Department of Public Safety in Arizona, who made an effort to gain an insight to the SAO for his Department. Efforts to identify the rest of the above list is currently being undertaken by the Phoenix Office.

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PX T-1 in the enclosed LHM is [redacted]

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A report will be submitted on each accepted SAO member after initial background has been developed.

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~~This LHM is being classified "Confidential" in order to protect the confidential informant who is of continuing value to the national defense of the U.S.~~



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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona
May 31, 1972

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

PX T-1 advised on May 26, 1972, that the captioned group has been endeavoring to take on an organizational structure since October, 1971. He states that, while the group is motivated by the same principles which brought the Minutemen into existence, the Secret Army Organization (SAO) is taking a more cautious approach than the Minutemen in its recruitment of membership, in order to avoid the assimilation of people of poor reputation.

In California, notably in San Diego, the SAO has recently had to sift the letters and applications being received there because of the obvious eccentric type person endeavoring to find acceptance in the group.

Concerning Arizona, source advised that the SAO has mailed a considerable amount of literature pertaining to the SAO to "conservative" thinking people, but has not at this time received response from the type of people they wish to affiliate. Consequently, no formal chapter or nucleus around which to organize has been formed in Arizona. However, a coordinator has been named and is operating. Source advised that not all former Minutemen will be accepted into the SAO.

Source advised that the SAO foresees a decentralized type of operation in each State, where in a revolutionary situation brought about by treasonous communist elements, the SAO could present a militant front immediately. Recent

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

bulletin material from SAO headquarters in San Diego has introduced the thought that "the basic battle facing our country today is the one between individualism and collectivism. In its political form it appears as personal freedom versus police-state regimentation.....In times of emergency, our members are not going to depend on General Headquarters for training material, bulletins and printed propaganda items. Local units and often the lone individual will have to improvise all these things. Communications to and from higher commands may be uncertain and the transmission of organization orders may be slow. We must have people who think for themselves. Equally important, we must have people who can see what needs to be done and get at it without being told."

The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by Robert B. DePugh in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DePugh is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

The Patriotic Party has been the political arm of the Minutemen.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona
May 31, 1972

Title SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

Character

Reference Memorandum captioned and dated same
 as above at Phoenix, Arizona.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 6/15/72

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-1830) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS
00: San Diego

CYRIL SUMNER ANDERSON
EM - SAO
00: Seattle

Reference Seattle letter to the Bureau dated 5/17/72 captioned "Secret Army Organization" and San Diego airtel to the Bureau captioned "Secret Army Organization" dated 4/11/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LHM pertaining to captioned matter.

The confidential informant, SE T-1, is [redacted] located in Seattle file 157-1830-7.

~~This LHM is being classified CONFIDENTIAL because unauthorized disclosure of information furnished by SE T-1 could reasonably result in identifying a confidential source of continuing value and possibly adversely affect the defense interests of the nation.~~

Investigation in Seattle has determined that the FNU [redacted] as mentioned in San Diego airtel to the Bureau dated 4/11/72, is apparently [redacted]. Seattle is currently conducting investigation to obtain current information concerning [redacted] and, if warranted, an LHM will be submitted if investigation so indicates. Otherwise, after obtaining of pertinent background and activities, the matter on [redacted] will be closed administratively in Seattle. The information in the referenced airtel indicates solely that [redacted] was allegedly a member of the SAO in Seattle.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 6) (REG)
2 - San Diego (Enc. 2) (157-2815) (REG)
3 - Seattle
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The following sources have been contacted as indicated below, and none of them have furnished information indicating an active SAO in the Seattle Division. These sources have previously furnished reliable information concerning Minuteman activities:

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<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE CONTACTED</u>	<u>AGENT</u>
	2/24/72 and 5/22/72	
	2/24/72 and 5/22/72	

The Seattle Office is pursuing investigation concerning and the SAO to determine if, in fact, the SAO is a functioning organization in the Seattle Division.

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Investigation will be conducted on associates only upon receipt of pertinent information that they are associated with the SAO.

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At Seattle, Washington

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Will direct former to attempt to gain positive information directly through or other logical means to determine if the SAO exists in the Seattle Division.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Seattle, Washington
June 15, 1972

RE: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
(SAO)

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Secret Army Organization (SAO)

On May 5, 1971, this source advised that the Secret Army Organization was a new right wing group which was to organize individuals in various localities with the provision of military-type training for the purpose of being ready to eventually take over political power in the United States when the present Government fails due to oppression or communist influence.

SE T-1

On December 20, 1971, this source stated that although the SAO is a fairly new organization with a new name, it would continue to adhere to the tenets and principles of the old Minuteman Organization.

SE T-1

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The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by Robert B. DePugh in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DePugh is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

The Patriotic Party has been the political arm of the Minutemen.

On January 6, 1972, this source advised that his office had no information concerning the Secret Army Organization.

Special Investigator
[REDACTED]
Alcohol, Tobacco and
Firearms Division,
Seattle, Washington

On February 14, 15 and 16, 1972 the records of the Seattle Police Department, King County Sheriff's Office and police agencies in smaller communities in the Metropolitan Seattle area were examined and there was no information concerning the SAO in these departments.

On February 24, 1972, sources in the Seattle Division who have furnished reliable information in the past concerning Minutemen activities were contacted, none of whom were able to furnish any information concerning the Secret Army Organization. These sources were recontacted during May, 1972, and they were still unable to furnish any information concerning the existence of the SAO.

[REDACTED]

On January 7, 1972, this source advised that [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED]

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RE: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

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[redacted]
within the Secret Army Organization.

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On January 6, 1972, this source advised that his office had no information concerning [redacted] being involved with the SAO.

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Special Investigator

[redacted]
Alcohol, Tobacco and
Firearms Division,
Seattle, Washington

On February 14, 15 and 16, 1972 the records of the Seattle Police Department, King County Sheriff's Office and police agencies in smaller communities in the Metropolitan Seattle area were examined and there was no information of [redacted] being involved with the SAO.

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On February 24, 1972, sources in the Seattle Division who have furnished reliable information in the past concerning Minutemen activities were contacted, none of whom were able to furnish any information concerning [redacted] being involved with the SAO. These sources were recontacted during May, 1972, and they still had no knowledge of [redacted] being involved with the SAO.

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On February 17, 1972, the records of the Seattle Credit Bureau contained the following information concerning [redacted], also known as [redacted]

Address

Wife
Height
Weight
Eyes
Date of Birth
Social Security Account
Number

[redacted]

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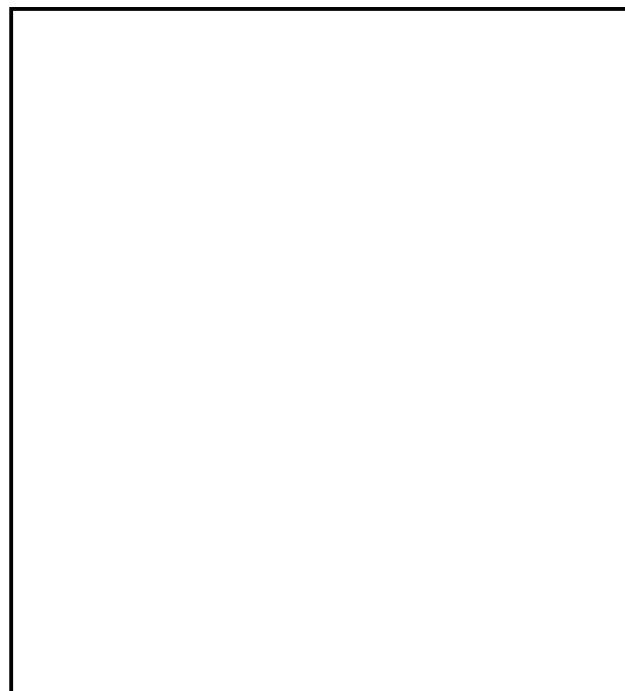
RE: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

[REDACTED]

Current Employment

Former Employments

Former Addresses



On May 17, 1972, Sergeant [REDACTED] Bothell Police Department, Bothell, Washington, advised that he has no knowledge of the Secret Army Organization, but knows [REDACTED] to have resided in the Bothell, Washington area for several years and considers [REDACTED] a "gun nut" and "gunsmith." [REDACTED] stated that he has had personal contact with [REDACTED] over the years and knew him when he was a gun dealer in the Metropolitan Seattle area. [REDACTED] stated that he knows of no specific criminal activities on the part of [REDACTED] other than possible dealings in illegal weapons which [REDACTED] stated is a possibility with anyone who is a gunsmith in the current days, referring to the present gun laws.

[REDACTED] stated that his files previously had information of miscellaneous reports concerning [REDACTED] activities in the purchasing and selling of various type short and long barreled weapons. [REDACTED] stated that the only information that would indicate any right wing activities on the part of [REDACTED] were incidents that occurred during the summer of 1969 when his office received information that [REDACTED] accompanied by other white males were seen in the woods in

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RE: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

[redacted]

the Bothell, Washington area carrying sidearms and wearing camouflage clothing. When investigated by his department, it was determined that at that time [redacted] was involved in what was referred to as "simulated maneuvers" in the woods around the Bothell, Washington area which [redacted] described as being heavily populated by farms and related businesses. Also during the summer of 1969, a Bothell Police Officer observed [redacted] in the company of several other white males who were once again conducting some sort of maneuvers. At this time the officer observed a shotgun in one of the vehicles, which when measured was just 1/2 inch over the legal limit. During the early fall of 1969, [redacted] approached an officer of the Bothell Police Department with a weapon to determine if it was legal and under the current interpretations of both Federal and state law, it was opined that the weapon [redacted] had was legal, but no record was maintained as to the type of weapon.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] in the past, has purchased old Bothell Police Department vehicles and it was [redacted]'s opinion that [redacted] did this to satisfy some unknown egomania that he felt [redacted] had. [redacted] stated that he knew of no violent acts committed by [redacted] at any time.

[redacted] stated that the only close friends and acquaintances that he knows of [redacted] are as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington
June 15, 1972

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Title SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)

Character

Reference Communication at Seattle, Washington,
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

DATE: 6/16/72

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1173) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

RePXlet, 5/31/72, and Bulet, 6/12/72, captioned

As pointed out in referenced Phoenix letter, the SAO does not have any members in Arizona at this time. Informant states that he has received only six applications and that their identities do not check out. In this connection, the [redacted] mentioned in referenced Phoenix letter is Phoenix informant [redacted]. Also, investigation establishes that the address P.O. Box 542 for [redacted] is rented by the Phoenix Police Department. AR12

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Date: 6/16/72

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TO: BUREAU (157-23577)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-2815)(P)

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

Re Bureau and San Diego teletypes on 4/25/72, and 4/28/72, respectively, both captioned [REDACTED] EXTREMIST MATTERS - SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION"; "SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION, EXTREMIST MATTERS".

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Source utilized in LHM is [REDACTED]

Agents who conducted investigation set forth in the LHM are SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Two copies of an FD-376 are stapled hereto. Copies of the LHM have been disseminated locally to U. S. Secret Service and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD) in view of their interest in these matters.

Active investigation has been initiated on [REDACTED] activities are currently under investigation by the Seattle Division.

The pretext referred to in the LHM which was used for gaining access to the Gunsmoke Ranch, was that the Agents were seeking directions to the Deer Park Lodge.

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Will continue to follow activities of the SAO.

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Diego, California

June 16, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2815

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

On April 26, 1972, a confidential source, who has provided reliable information on numerous occasions in the past, advised no recent developments have been made in plans by [redacted] and the Secret Army Organization (SAO) for disruptions during the Republican National Convention (RNC). The source explained that due to the time interval until the advent of the RNC, such plans had only reached a speculation or discussion stage. Furthermore, actual plans and activities by the SAO would depend greatly on the nature of conditions existing during the RNC i.e., number of New Left demonstrators, riots, police retaliation, etc.

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The Secret Army Organization (SAO) is a para-military organization formed during the early part of October, 1971, by former members and supporters of the Minutemen Organization, for the purpose of replacing that organization, now considered defunct. With its headquarters located at San Diego, California, the SAO intends to work towards becoming a nationwide organization. [redacted]

[redacted]
is the leader of SAO in the San Diego area. [redacted]

The Minutemen Organization is a para-military group organized in June, 1960, by Robert B. DePugh in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DePugh is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act. The Patriotic Party has been the political arm of the Minutemen.

The source had previously received information to the effect that four cannons of a type similar to those used in the Civil War might be available for use by [redacted] and his associates. On April 26, 1972, the source stated that two of these are maintained in the front yard of the Gunsmoke Ranch, 1509 Harbison Canyon Road in San Diego County area. This ranch is owned by [redacted] not a member of the SAO, however, he is CALIF. politically sympathetic and friendly with [redacted]. The source is not sure how readily available these weapons might now be to the SAO. A third cannon, previously referred to as being under construction, is now complete and is located in the backyard of SAO member [redacted]

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The source advised [redacted] of the fourth cannon and does not know its owner or location. The source said he understands these weapons are legal under both State and Federal law. b7D

The source stated to his knowledge, [redacted] is not presently manufacturing or selling firearms or explosives in violation of Federal or California law. The source advised that approximately six months ago he observed [redacted] in possession of a fully automatic AR 18 rifle in .223 caliber which was received earlier the same day by [redacted] from one [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] source of the AR 18 is not known but source said it is rumored that he has contact with a stockholder of the manufacturer, Armalite Company, and has also had AR 180 rifles (legal civilian version of the AR 18 rifle) for sale when no one else could get them. CALIF.

[redacted] that the safety lever on his AR 18 had the third position for fully automatic fire. The source could not obtain the serial number. b7D

On or about March 20, 1972, the source observed [redacted] take delivery of a fully automatic M-2 carbine in .30 caliber from [redacted] who is known to source as a trafficker in firearms and other items of questionable legality. The source observed the fully automatic fire control lever on the weapon but was not in a position to obtain its serial number. The source advised he is sure [redacted] still possesses the AR 18 rifle but [redacted] claims this weapon is now "stashed" and its location is not known to the source. The source said [redacted] maintains the M-2 carbine in his bedroom at his residence. [redacted] however, [redacted] has assured the source that certain parts have been removed from both rifles so as to cause them to fire semi-automatic only. b6 b7C

On September 28, 1971, [redacted] was observed by source in possession of about two blocks of C-4 plastic explosives weighing two and one quarter pounds each, about four pounds of TNT in one half and one pound blocks, and about two pounds of HPD primers in one third pound blocks. The source knows of no legal basis for the possession of these items by [redacted]. The source advised these items were last known by him to be located at the residence of SAO member [redacted] and were seen there by the source as late as [redacted]. b6 b7C

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

approximately the first of April, 1972.

On April 27, 1972, Special Agents of the FBI at San Diego, using a suitable pretext, observed two Civil War style cannons on the premises of the Gunsmoke Ranch. One cannon, obviously hand made or home made, had a barrel approximately two feet in length with about a two inch bore and was mounted on a small four wheel carriage of an old Navy style. The second cannon appeared to be an original Civil War piece with about a three foot barrel having about a three inch bore.

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A third cannon was observed by these Special Agents the same day in the backyard of the [redacted] residence by driving up a driveway commonly shared by three houses. This gun had a barrel of approximately four feet with close to a four inch bore and was mounted on a home made two wheel carriage.

On April 28, 1972, [redacted], Special Investigator, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Department (ATFD), San Diego, advised neither he nor his office had any knowledge regarding [redacted] or his activities. [redacted] stated that the three cannons are legal under Federal law but thought they might possibly have to be registered to be legal under California law.

On May 26, 1972, Special Agent [redacted] California Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification, San Diego, made available copies of records maintained by his Bureau, pertaining to transactions involving sales of handguns by individuals using the name [redacted]. In excess of twenty such transactions were found which were identifiable with [redacted]. In no two of these transactions was the second party to the sale the same individual. Special Agent [redacted] pointed out that due to the dates involved, many of these weapons would appear to have been resold by [redacted].

On June 7, 1972, the first source advised that with the RNC having been changed to Miami, Florida, the activities of the SAO had entered into a relatively quiet period and that the organization would at least temporarily concentrate on recruitment and propagandizing. He stated he had not yet been able to determine the location of any illegal explosives or weapons.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 16, 1972

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director

United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE:

**SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS**

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) 1
U. S. Secret Service, San Diego

Enclosure(s) - 1 (Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 28 1972

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9:50PM NITEL 6-27-72 GKF

TO ACTING DIRECTOR (157-23577)

FROM SAN DIEGO (157-2815) (P) (8P)

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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Bates	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Campbell	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Cleveland	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Marshall	_____
Mr. Miller, E.S.	_____
Mr. Ponder	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
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Mr. Kinley	_____
Mr. Armstrong	_____
Ms. Herwig	_____
Mrs. Neenan	_____

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO). EXTREMIST MATTERS.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPES TO BUREAU, JUNE NINETEEN,
TWENTYONE, ~~TWENTY TWO~~, TWENTY THREE AND TWENTY SIX,
CAPTIONED "UNSUB; BOMBING OF GUILD MOVIE THEATRE,
THREE EIGHT TWO SEVEN DASH FIFTH AVENUE, SAN DIEGO,
CALIFORNIA, JUNE NINETEEN LAST, EID" AND SAN DIEGO
TELETYPE DATED JUNE TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT, CAPTIONED
[REDACTED] BOMBING OF GUILD MOVIE
THEATRE, THREE EIGHT TWO SEVEN DASH FIFTH AVENUE,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, JUNE NINETEEN LAST, EID."

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AT EIGHT: ZERO THREE PM, JUNE NINETEEN, SEVENTY TWO,
[REDACTED] SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
(SDPD), ADVISED THAT AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED
IN THE GUILD MOVIE THEATRE, THREE EIGHT TWO SEVEN DASH
FIFTH AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ST SEVEN: FORTYFIVE
PM, ON JUNE NINETEEN, SEVENTY TWO.

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ON JUNE TWENTY SEVEN INSTANT, DETECTIVE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SUPRA, ADVISED THAT ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY SD ON [REDACTED] AND BASED ON THE
KNOWN INVOLVEMENT OF [REDACTED] IN THE SAO IN THE SAN DIEGO
AREA, WARRANTS WERE SECURED ON THE EVENING OF JUNE
TWENTY SIX LAST FOR SEARCHES OF THE RESIDENCES OF [REDACTED]
AT [REDACTED] AND
OF KNOWN SAO MEMBERS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE SEARCH WARRANTS WERE EXECUTED ON THE
EVENING OF JUNE TWENTY SIX LAST.

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LARGE QUANTITIES OF SAO AND MINUTEMEN LITERATURE
DEALING WITH EXPLOSIVES AND CONSTRUCTION OF MINES AND
BOOBY TRAPS WERE CONFISCATED FROM [REDACTED] RESIDENCE.

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A TOTAL OF FOURTEEN ASSORTED WEAPONS WERE SEIZED AT THE RESIDENCES OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] INCLUDING NINE MM AUTOMATIC PISTOL, A TWENTY TWO MAGNUM DERRINGER AND ASSORTED RIFLES, SHOTGUNS AND PISTOLS AS WELL AS SEVERAL THOUSAND ROUNDS OF ASSORTED AMMUNITIONS FOR THE WEAPONS. APPROXIMATELY FIFTY POUNDS OF GUN POWDER WAS SEIZED AT [REDACTED] RESIDENCE.

[REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS TWELVE DASH THREE ZERO THREE AND TWELVE DASH THREE ZERO THREE POINT TWO OF THE CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE (CPC) DEALING WITH THE POSSESSION AND IMPROPER STORAGE OF GUN POWDER IN EXCESS OF TWENTY POUNDS WITHOUT A LICENSE AND VIOLATION OF SECTION TWO ONE SEVEN CPC, CHARGING HIM WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF THE GUILD MOVIE THEATRE. [REDACTED] WAS CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF THE IDENTICAL STATUTES. [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE [REDACTED]

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WERE CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF SECTION TWELVE DAS^H THREE
ZERO THREE POINT TWO (B), IMPROPER STORAGE OF GUN POWDER
IN EXCESS OF TWENTY POUNDS, A VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND

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[REDACTED] ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY JAIL.

DETECTIVE [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE CHARGE OF VIOLATION
OF SECTION TWO ONE SEVEN CPC WAS BROUGHT AGAINST [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE ANTICIPATES THAT THIS CHARGE WILL LATER
BE DROPPED.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE CHARACTERIZATION

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)

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The Secret Army Organization (SAO) is a para-military organization formed in 1971, at San Diego, California, by former members and supporters of the Minutemen Organization.

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SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)

The Secret Army Organization (SAO) is a para-military organization formed during the early part of October, 1971, at San Diego, California, by former members and supporters of the Minutemen Organization, for the purpose of replacing that organization, now considered defunct in San Diego, California. With its headquarters located at San Diego, California, the SAO intends to work toward becoming a nation-wide organization.

APPENDIX

Source:
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

FROM LCM

SUBJECT SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS

1 - Mr. S. B. Donahoe

1 - Mr. E. S. Miller

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/28/72

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1 - Mr. W. C. Patterson

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Purpose of this memorandum is to advise that a San Diego Division extremist informant furnished information resulting in the solution of a bombing perpetrated by a member of the Secret Army Organization (SAO), a white ultraconservative, paramilitary group clandestinely formed in Arizona in 1971, and the confiscation of explosives.

On 6/20/72, [redacted] advised that [redacted] a member of the SAO, El Cajon, California, said he personally, *DO* without the knowledge of other SAO members, was responsible for the 6/19/72 bombing of the Guild, a movie theater specializing in b2 b7D pornographic films, 3827 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, and he identified four pornography-oriented establishments as potential future bombing targets. This information was furnished to the San Diego Police Department (SDPD). b6 b7C

This information was also furnished to the SDPD and a search of the lot resulted in the confiscation of one two-and-one-quarter-pound block of C-4 military plastic explosives, two one-pound canisters of primer charges, approximately 30 mechanical caps, and an unknown quantity of safety fuses.

known involvement in SAO activity, the SDPD executed search warrants at the home of [redacted] and SAO members [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] The searches produced large quantities of SAO and Minutemen literature dealing with explosives and the construction of mines and booby traps, 14 weapons, several thousand rounds of ammunition, and approximately 50 pounds of gunpowder.

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller
Re: Secret Army Organization

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[redacted] were arrested and charged with attempted murder and improper storage of gunpowder in excess of 20 pounds without a license. [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] were arrested and charged with improper storage of gunpowder in excess of 20 pounds. All four subjects are currently incarcerated in the San Diego County Jail.

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[redacted]

Inasmuch as the preliminary facts regarding the bombing of the Guild Theater failed to indicate involvement of members of a terrorist or revolutionary group, under existing guidelines the incident was one within the primary jurisdiction of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division and that agency was immediately advised.

Pertinent portions of this information will be furnished to the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice and to Secret Service.

ACTION:

For information.

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Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

July 14, 1972

Acting Director, FBI

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett
1 - Mr. W. C. PattersonSECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION
EXTREMIST MATTERS

This is to confirm that on July 12, 1972, Kevin T. Maroney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, advised Special Agent William C. Patterson of this Bureau that authority was granted for former Special Agent [REDACTED] to testify before a San Diego, California, Grand Jury.

Testimony by former Special Agent [REDACTED] is to be restricted to information he received while he was a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from an informant regarding the shooting of [REDACTED] on January 6, 1972, by [REDACTED] a member of the white extremist Secret Army Organization (SAO), and the June 19, 1972, bombing of a San Diego theater by [REDACTED] also a member of the SAO. Should information be required in addition to the above, former Special Agent [REDACTED] is to advise that in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Section 16.12, such information acquired while in the performance of his official duties as a Special Agent of the FBI cannot be disclosed unless approved by the Attorney General. Additional information required is to be identified and furnished the Department in order that consideration can be given to whether such information is to be disclosed.

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1 - Personnel File of [REDACTED]

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Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

NOTE FOR SAC, SAN DIEGO:

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This will confirm information furnished to ASAC Clark Brown by telephone on 7/12/72 by Bureau Supervisor William C. Patterson, that authority had been granted by the Department for former Special Agent [redacted] to testify in San Diego, California, Grand Jury in accordance with the above.

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NOTE:

Information regarding the above-described shooting and bombing was furnished the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) and persons involved are being prosecuted locally. [redacted] has been made available to the SDPD with regard to these matters. Recently, information was developed that [redacted] had furnished Special Agent [redacted] the pistol used in this shooting. This pistol had been obtained by the informant in a burglary. Special Agent [redacted] made no record of the receipt of this pistol and retained it in his home and advised the Bureau the informant said "the gun had been disposed of." Special Agent [redacted] acknowledged receipt of the gun and it has been turned over to the SDPD. Special Agent [redacted] submitted his resignation effective 7/6/72.

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Former Special Agent [redacted] has been subpoenaed to testify before the San Diego, California, Grand Jury and the SAC, San Diego, recommended testimony of former Special Agent [redacted] be restricted to information furnished him by the informant regarding the above incidents. This matter has been coordinated with Inspector John A. Mintz, Office of Legal Counsel.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-2815) (P)

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

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Re San Diego teletype to Bureau 7/1/72 captioned
[Redacted Box] Bombing of Guild Theater, 3827 5th
Avenue, San Diego, California, June 19, 1972, EID."

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a
letterhead memorandum.

Two copies of FD 376 are stapled to enclosed LHM.

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Copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally
to Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Division, Secret Service,
and Internal Revenue Service.

San Diego is following and will report activities
of the SAO.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONIn Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 14, 1972

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) 1
U. S. Secret Service, San Diego

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Diego, California
July 14, 1972

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

At 8:03 PM on June 19, 1972, [redacted] San Diego Police Department (SDPD) advised that an explosive device was detonated in the Guild Movie Theater at 3827 5th Avenue, San Diego, California, at 7:45 PM on that date, causing extensive damage to the theater.

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On June 27, 1972, Detective [redacted] San Diego Police Department, advised that as a result of investigation into the explosion at the Guild Movie Theater, search warrants were served June 26, 1972, on the residences of

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[redacted]
[redacted] are known members
of the Secret Army Organization (SAO).

(SD. T-1, June 27, 1972)

The SAO is a para-military ultra-conservative and militant organization in the San Diego area.

Detective [redacted] advised that after the search warrants were executed, [redacted] was arrested for violation of the California Penal Code (CPC) dealing with possession and improper storage of gun powder in excess of twenty pounds without a license and for attempted murder in connection with the bombing of the Guild Movie Theater. [redacted] was charged with

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violation of identical statutes. [] and his wife [] were arrested for violation of the CPC for improper storage of gun powder in excess of twenty pounds.

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On June 30, 1972, [], National Leader of the SAO, stated that a member of the SAO had volunteered to take revenge for the arrest of SAO members in San Diego. He did not reveal the identity of the volunteer. His plan calls for the assassination of persons believed to be involved in the arrest of the SAO members. Individuals mentioned as targets for the assassin are Chief of Police RAYMOND HOBLER, Inspector [] and Detective [], all of the San Diego Police Department; [] Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, and possibly the head of the Internal Revenue Service in San Diego, California. SAO members were instructed by [] to gather intelligence information concerning home addresses and other information concerning persons picked as targets.

(SD T-1, July 1, 1972)

Sergeant [] San Diego Police Department, [] Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, San Diego, [] U.S. Secret Service, San Diego, and Inspector [] Internal Revenue Service, Los Angeles, were advised July 1, 1972, of above information.

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MEMBERS OF THE SAO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.*

Title SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

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Reference Communication dated and
 captioned as above at San Diego,
 California.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

FBI

Date: 7/13/72

Transmit the following in _____
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 ANS
 BY: BUG/ulm
 Re: Specific Request

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-1820) (P)

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~~SECRET ARMY DISSEMINATION~~

Re San Diego nitel to Bureau dated 6/27/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

INFORMANTSIdentity of SourceFile Where Located

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Two (2) copies of FD-376 are attached to the Bureau copies of this LHM.

A copy of this LHM is being disseminated to the U. S. Secret Service, San Diego, and one copy to Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division, San Diego.

This LHM is not being classified "Confidential" inasmuch as information being furnished does not meet the

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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criteria set forth in Executive Order 11652.

LEADS

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1. Will report results of FD-9 submitted to Bureau.
2. Will follow and report prosecution of subject.
3. An FD-356 has been resubmitted to St. Louis inasmuch as subject's service number has been ascertained. Will report military background when received.

BECAUSE OF YAKOPEC'S ACCESS TO AND USE OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AND APPROACHED WITH CAUTION.

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[redacted] whose name is withheld at
his request. Information located in SD 157-1820.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

July 13, 1972
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE:

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☒ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☐ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) - 2
U. S. Secret Service, San Diego

Enclosure(s) - 2 (Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Diego, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
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I. PREDICATION

Investigation in this matter is initiated upon receipt of information indicating the subject to have been active in the organization known as the Secret Army Organization (SAO).

The SAO is a para-military organization formed during the early part of October, 1971, by former members and supporters of the Minutemen Organization, for the purpose of replacing that organization, now considered defunct. With its headquarters located at San Diego, California, the SAO intends to work towards becoming a nationwide organization.

The Minutemen is a para-military group organized in June, 1960, by ROBERT B. DE PUGH in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DE PUGH is currently incarcerated in a federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

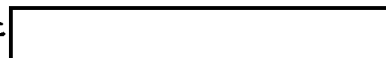
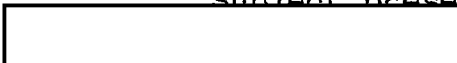
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A. Residence

Subject presently resides at



(SD T-1, March 15, 1972)

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B. Employment

Subject is presently unemployed.

(SD T-1, March 15, 1972)

C. Education

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The records of the Portage High School, provided by [REDACTED] reflected the following:

Subject attended Portage High School, Portage, Indiana, from September 4, 1956 to November 26, 1956, and from December, 1958 to January 9, 1959, when he left high school to enter the U. S. military service.

D. Military Service

Subject served in the U. S. Army from April 15, 1959 through March 14, 1962. Military occupational specialty -- Military Police; rank - Private First Class E-3. Subject received an Honorable Discharge.

(SD T-2, July 1, 1969)

E. Physical Description

On June 21, 1972, the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) provided the following physical description of subject, effective March 10, 1970:

Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Marital Status
Social Security
Account Number

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

F. Marital Status

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Subject is married. His spouse's name is [REDACTED]
(SD T-2, July 12, 1972)

G. Date and Place of Birth

[REDACTED] Subject was born on [REDACTED]

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(SD T-2, July 1, 1969)

H. Employment Record

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(SD T-2, July 1, 1969)

III. ACTIVITIES

On June 19, 1972, [REDACTED] San Diego Police Department, advised that an explosive device was detonated in the Guild Movie Theater, 3827 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, California, at 7:45 p.m., June 19, 1972, causing extensive damage.

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[redacted] describing the device involved as being a one-third pound HPD Primer Charge with six foot safety fuse, mechanical blasting cap and a pull time fuse lighter. Subject indicated he had placed this device by approaching the theater through an alley way removing the grate from an air vent and throwing the device through the vent beneath the stage of the theater.

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Information concerning the bombing by subject was furnished to Detective [redacted] Investigative Support Unit (ISU), San Diego Police Department, on the date received.

On June 27, 1972, Detective [redacted] advised that on the basis of information [redacted] and based on the known involvement of subject in the Secret Army Organization (SAO) in the San Diego area, a warrant was secured and executed for a search of the subject's residence on June 26, 1972.

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SAO and Minutemen literature dealing with explosives and construction of mines and booby traps were confiscated from subject's residence.

[redacted] was arrested for violations of Sections 12-303 and 12-303.2 of the California Penal Code (CPC) dealing with the possession and improper storage of gun powder in excess of twenty pounds without a license and violation of Section 217 CPC, charging him with attempted murder in connection with the bombing of the Guild Movie Theater.

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[redacted] was indicted on July 12, 1972, after a true bill was returned by the San Diego County Grand Jury in and for the Superior Court of the State of California.

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[redacted] was charged with Exploding Destructive Device with the Intent to Wrongfully Injure and Destroy Property and Injure Persons on said Property; five counts

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of Attempted Murder in conjunction with said bombing; two counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon by Means Likely to Cause Bodily Injury Upon Peace Officers; Possession of Explosives Near a Private Habitation.

[REDACTED] presently incarcerated in the San Diego County Jail. No trial date has yet been set. A hearing for the purpose of setting bail is to be held on July 13, 1972.

BECAUSE OF [REDACTED] ACCESS TO AND USE OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AND APPROACHED WITH CAUTION.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Diego, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

July 13, 1972

Title

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as
above at San Diego.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

SAC, San Diego (157-2815)

Acting Director, FBI (157-23577)

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1 - Mr. W. C. Patterson

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

ReSDlet 6/19/72 captioned "Characterizations of Subversive, Racial, Klan, White Hate and Militant Organizations."

Referenced letter enclosed characterizations and abbreviated thumbnail sketches of various organizations including SAO. In order to abide by instructions set forth on Pages 22 and 22a, Section 4 D, Part II, Manual of Rules and Regulations, the following changes are to be made of the abbreviated thumbnail sketch and the characterization of the SAO and they are to be resubmitted under the caption of this letter.

The abbreviated thumbnail sketch should be changed to read:

The Secret Army Organization (SAO) is an anticommunist, paramilitary organization formed in 1971 in San Diego, California. It intends to conduct intelligence-type operations and to offer training in urban guerrilla warfare to be used against "left-wing groups" and suspected enemies of the United States.

The characterization should be changed to read:

The Secret Army Organization (SAO) is an anticommunist, paramilitary organization formed during the early part of October, 1971, in San Diego, California, by former members and supporters of Minutemen organization and for the purpose of replacing that organization, which was considered defunct in the San Diego area.

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Letter to San Diego

Re: Secret Army Organization (SAO)

157-23577

On January 7, 1972, according to a source, the SAO intended to conduct intelligence-type operations and offer training in urban guerrilla warfare to be used against "left-wing groups" and suspected enemies of the United States.

The SAO is headquartered in San Diego, California, and intends to become a nationwide organization.

Submit along with the above characterization on a separate page a characterization of the Minutemen in accordance with instructions cited above.

Handle promptly the submission of the above.

NOTE:

San Diego being requested to submit amended abbreviated thumbnail sketch and characterization.

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Mr. Jenkins	_____
Mr. Marshall	_____
Mr. Miller, E.S.	_____
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Mr. Soyars	_____
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Mr. Armstrong	_____
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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (157-23577)
(100-451554)

FROM SAN DIEGO (157-2815) 1P

SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION

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RE BUREAU LETTER TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, INTERNAL
SECURITY DIVISION, COPY TO SAC SAN DIEGO JULY FOURTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] DID NOT TESTIFY
BEFORE THE SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA GRAND JURY AS HIS TESTIMONY WAS
NOT NEEDED. HIS TESTIMONY MAY BE NEEDED FOR TRIAL PURPOSES LATER
IN THE YEAR. SAN DIEGO WILL KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED.

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5-Patterson

MR. TRAINOR

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JUL 21 1972

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23577)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-1830) (P)

SUBJECT: SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION (SAO)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

DATE: 7-27-72

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OO: SAN DIEGO

RE: SElet to Bureau 6-15-72.

Since the submission of the above relet, Seattle former sources [redacted] were contacted and advised that they have not been able for personal reasons to become active in Minutemen or SAO activities and therefore would be unable to assist this office in this matter.

The Seattle Office is attempting to establish other sources in order to determine if the SAO is a functioning organization within this division. If investigation fails to indicate such, this matter will be administratively closed pending receipt of pertinent positive information that the SAO is an organization in which this office has an interest.

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